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Bruising Steelers KO Eagles

Pittsburgh bumps Keystone State rival Philly from the ranks of the undefeated

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Pittsburgh Steelers veteran running back Jerome Bettis (36) lumbers past Philadelphia Eagles safety Michael Lewis for a long gain in the first quarter Sunday. Bettis took advantage of his first start of the season, rushing for 149 yards in Pittsburgh's 27-3 victory over visiting Philadelphia. The Eagles' loss means the 1972 Miami Dolphins are still the last NFL team to go undefeated.

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World

Iran's nuclear program: Iran and European nations reached a preliminary agreement about Iran's nuclear program at talks hoped to avoid a U.N. showdown, but all countries involved still must approve it, Iran's chief negotiator said Sunday in Tehran.

If approved, the deal could be a major breakthrough following months of threats and negotiations and could spare Iran from being referred to the U.N. Security Council, where the United States has warned it would seek economic sanctions.

Haitian violence: An armed group fired on a police station in northwestern Haiti on Saturday, prompting officers to flee while prisoners escaped and more than 100 people started a flurry of looting, officials said.

No one was reported killed in the clash in Gonaives, which left the station empty after looters broke into the building and carried away furniture and other items, police spokeswoman Gessy Coicou said.

The attack happened several hours after a suspected gang member was arrested for attacking and looting humanitarian aid trucks, said Capt. Mamie Ward, spokeswoman for the 5,000-strong U.N. peacekeeping mission in Haiti.

India missile test: India on Sunday tested a nuclear-capable ship-launched missile off its eastern coast, an official said.

The Dhanush missile, capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads, was launched from an Indian navy ship in the Bay of Bengal, the official said on the condition of anonymity.

With a strike range of 156 miles, the missile can carry a load of 1,100 pounds, the Indian official said.

Serbia war crimes: The foreign minister of Serbia-Montenegro on Sunday accused Serbia's government of protecting suspects wanted by the U.N. war crimes court.

Vuk Draskovic blasted the Serbian leadership for a "political and spiritual return of Serbia to the era of (former president) Slobodan Milosevic."

Milosevic's war campaigns in the 1990s led to war crimes charges against him and dozens of other Serbs. After losing power, Milosevic was handed over to the U.N. court in 2001, as were several other suspects, but another 15 remain at large.

Western powers have warned Serbia to extradite the fugitives — notably Bosnian



Anniversary remembrance: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force personnel stand at attention Sunday during inspection marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of Japan Self-Defense Forces at Asaka Base, north of Tokyo.

Serb wartime general Ratko Mladic — or face sanctions.

Kashmir border fence: A fence that India is building along its disputed Kashmir frontier with Pakistan has already prevented many suspected Islamic rebels from crossing into its portion of the Himalayan region, an Indian Cabinet minister said Sunday.

Home Minister Shivraj Patil, on his first visit to the region since the Congress-led government came to power in May, didn't give any figures for the drop in incursions, and he even added that they were still going on.

The electrical barbed-wire fence, designed to stop Islamic fighters infiltrating from Pakistan, will cover 360 miles of the 465-mile boundary once completed later this year.

States

\$10 million spaceship prize: The designers of the first privately manned rocket to burst into space were handed a \$10 million check Saturday, a prize designed to encourage technology that will open the heavens to tourists.

SpaceShipOne designer Burt Rutan accepted the Ansari X Prize money along with a 150-pound trophy as a chase plane flew over the ceremony in a field adjacent to the St. Louis Science Center.

The rocket plane, financed with more than \$20 million from Microsoft billionaire Paul Allen, qualified for the prize by blasting into space twice in five days last month.

Florida hurricane victims: Nearly three months after Hurricane Charley devastated parts of southwestern Florida, hundreds of people displaced by the storm still have not received temporary housing.

About 650 people have been placed in travel trailers or mobile homes in Charlotte County, one of the hardest-hit counties, but about 500 more units are needed, said Dennis Kizziah, manager for the Port Charlotte field office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Ben Davis, a FEMA strike team leader, said officials are still going door to door to assess the need in Charlotte County. Many of those displaced are staying with family and friends, renting apartments or staying at motels.

Serial killer nurse: A former nurse who admitted killing 17 patients at hospitals in two states must attend a sentencing hearing where he will face the families of six of his alleged victims, a judge ruled.

Judge William H. Platt said he would not accept Charles Cullen's waiver of his right to appear at his sentencing after he is expected to plead guilty Nov. 17 to killing six people in Lehigh County, Pa.

Cullen, 44, is charged with six counts of homicide and three counts of attempted homicide in Lehigh County. He faces a life prison sentence.

Cullen's attorney, public defender Johnnie Mask, said he was not happy with Platt's decision but would not oppose it.

Besides the six in Lehigh County, Cullen has pleaded guilty to using lethal doses of medication to kill 17 mostly elderly patients at hospitals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Stories and photo from wire services

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Last GIs prepare to leave Camp Edwards

Departing troops give new meaning to 'road trip' in vehicle convoy to Camp Casey

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

CAMP EDWARDS, South Korea — With the closure of Camp Edwards, the 2nd Infantry Division's Western Corridor home base, the division's road crew is on its way to Camp Casey.

The last big convoy of 82nd Engineer Company (combat support equipment) vehicles left Edwards on Friday, shifting dozens of bulldozers, scrapers, vibs rollers, graders, trucks and other road construction equipment to Casey.

Capt. Saiprasad Srinivasan, commander of Camp Edwards and the 82nd Engineers, said by next week the unit's operations will be run from Camp Casey with just a few soldiers left at Edwards to clean up. The veteran of three South Korean tours, including the past 10 months at Edwards, said he was sad to see the base close.

The facility also is home to 168th Medical Company, 618th Medical Battalion and a Korean Service Corps construction platoon that built vehicles used to train 2nd ID soldiers deploying to Iraq this summer, Srinivasan said.

In 2000, Camp Edwards' commissary moved to Camp Howze, which also is closing, but still at Edwards, he said, are a gymnasium, KATUSA snack bar, library, dining facility, outdoor swimming pool and the Wolverine Inn.

The base launched many road works projects the U.S. military required in Area I, Srinivasan said.

"We cover almost 200 square kilometers from here to the Korea Training Center and as far south as Camp Humphries on occasion. When we have floods we have to repair fort sites for heavy vehi-



SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

Pvt. Julio Villanueva adjusts a light on a trailer bound for Camp Casey on Friday in the last large movement of people and machines from Camp Edwards, South Korea.

cles. This summer while we were training the 2nd Brigade Combat Team [for its Iraq mission], there was a lot of mud being tracked on the roads at Chaparral Training Area and we laid a lot of gravel," Srinivasan said.

Camp Edwards' two motor pools house road construction equipment, which is being moved to Camp Casey. The 82nd operates 110 vehicles, including 26,000-lb. compactors, 63,000-lb. scrapers and 26,000-lb. vibro-rollers.

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Some of the equipment could be driven to Camp Casey, but other pieces had to be hauled on trailers, Srinivasan said.

"In a lot of ways the move is going to be beneficial. We do parts runs every day where we have to drive to Camp Casey and back, so a lot of these individual movements are going to be consolidated in one place," he said.

However, leaving Camp Edwards is emotional for the com-

mander.

"I have been here longer than most soldiers. I first came to the Western Corridor in 1996 with the 44th Engineer Battalion [now serving in Iraq]," said Srinivasan, who is looking after the 44th's mascot, a large dog named Bruno.

An advance party already had been at Camp Casey for several weeks preparing buildings for the bulk of the company, he said. "By next week the focus at Camp Ed-

"I'll miss it, but like everything you have to move on. We are going to a bigger installation with a lot more people around."

Sgt. Joseph Gardner

wards will be closing out and cleaning up."

The 82nd had a special relationship with the town, hosting a Halloween Party for children from a local orphanage, he said.

One of the soldiers helping prepare equipment for the move, Pvt. Julio Villanueva, 22, of Chicago, said his room at Camp Casey will be smaller than his room at Camp Edwards, but he's looking forward to being in a larger camp with a post exchange.

Another soldier helping with the move, Sgt. Joseph Gardner, 28, of Silverport, La., spent two years at Camp Edwards and remembers climbing up the hill behind the camp to view Paju and the surrounding mountains and countryside. "I'll miss it, but like everything you have to move on," he said. "We are going to a bigger installation with a lot more people around."

Camp Casey's new motor pool will be an improvement over Edwards' two motor pools, Gardner said. "There we will all be together."

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Fair to raise money for Christmas drop

Stars and Stripes

The Guam Naval Officers Spouse Connection's Christmas Street Craft Fair is set for from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Top 'O' the Mar on Nimitz Hill.

The event is a fund-raiser for Andersen Air Force Base's Annual Operation Christmas Drop. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Operation Christmas Drop began in December 1952 when a WB-50 aircraft assigned to Andersen's 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron was flying over Kapinganang Island southwest of Guam, the GNSOC told the Pacific Navigator. When the islanders waved at the plane, the crew quickly grabbed a few items, placed them in a container, attached a parachute and air-dropped it to the people below.

The practice has now become a holiday tradition, according to the report. Items such as dental supplies, clothing, building materials, fishing gear and toys are dropped every year.

Over the past 52 years, up to 52 remote islands throughout Micronesia have received the air drops, the report stated. The GNSOC has staged the fair for six years.

A year ago, the fair attracted almost 750 people and the spouse connection raised more than \$4,000.

According to the report, at this year's event, more than 50 vendors will offer a variety of merchandise, from afghans, cookbooks and quilts to artwork, jewelry, floral arrangements, decorations and jelly.

Contact Debby Huggill at 564-1330 or Huggill@ecomm.com for information about volunteering or becoming a vendor.

Technology education EXPO

The Professional Technical Studies Program at Zama High School will stage its annual EXPO on Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. in the Camp Zama Community Club.

Exhibits showcasing the latest in professional technology education will be on display.

Child care openings at Yokota

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Residents seeking care for their children can access Yokota's Child Development Program, which has full-time vacancies for ages 1-5.

Active-duty military members, Defense Department civilians and contractors may use the program.

For more information, call the Kibo Child Development Center at DSN 225-8860/8861.

Brodie ceremony in Guam

Hundreds of children, Guam residents and about a dozen sailors attended the annual ceremony Oct. 28 to commemorate Chief Petty Officer Clifford Brodie at the Chief Brodie Memorial School in Tamuning, a Navy news report stated.

Just after takeoff on Sept. 19, 1960, World Airways Flight 830 crashed into Barrigada Heights. Eighty of the 94 U.S. servicemen, depen-

dents and airline crew on board were killed, the report stated.

Brodie and his team of Seabees worked for days to help recover salvage at the crash site. They also were helping to build a school for children with disabilities. Brodie returned to the almost-complete school and later that night died in his sleep from a heart attack, the report stated.

The school was dedicated in his honor and opened in 1960. Since 1989, officials have held a ceremony honoring Brodie's dedication.

Zama High hosting book fair

Zama High School will host a book fair Nov. 12-18 in the media center.

Call DSN 263-5241 for more information.

Filipino star to perform at Taiyo

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Martin Nievera, a popular singer and actor from the Philippines, will perform Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Taiyo Recreation Center.

Doors open for the adults-only show at 7:30 p.m., and snacks will be provided. Tickets are on sale at the Yokota Enlisted Club's customer service desk, but they'll also be available on performance night at the Taiyo. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers.

Call DSN 227-8820 for more information.

From staff reports

Mobs attack French targets in Ivory Coast

BY PARFAIT KOOUSSI

The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Machete-waving mobs looted and burned in Ivory Coast's largest cities Sunday, laying siege to a French military base and searching house to house for French families after a day of ground and air clashes between forces of France and its former colony.

Ivory Coast — its tiny air force destroyed and its airports taken by the French in retaliation for a deadly airstrike on a French peacekeeping position — reluctantly said Sunday it was willing to seek cease fire and that it was pulling back troops.

The move aims to restore a cease-fire while rebels controlling the north that was in place for more than a year until government forces broke it on Thursday.

Still, the government took a defiant tone. Ivory Coast said it will ask the Security Council for action against France, presidential spokesman Desire Tagro declared on state TV, adding, "We are faced with aggression by one country against another country. ... France has the right to attack us."

France's punishing military strikes came in retaliation for the Ivory Coast army's surprise bombing of a French peacekeeping position on Saturday in the north, held by rebels since civil war broke

out in the world's top cocoa producer in September 2002.

France has about 4,000 peacekeepers in Ivory Coast and the United Nations 6,000, trying to hold together a country vital to the stability of the region.

Saturday's airstrike killed nine French troops and an American consultant working for an aid group.

About 250 French troop reinforcements landed Sunday at Abidjan's international airport, which was taken by France late Saturday after it destroyed what it said was the entire Ivory Coast air force — five helicopter gunships and two Russian-made Sukhoi warplanes.

The French retaliation sparked a wave of rioting by pro-government mobs in the capital Yamoussoukro and the country's biggest city, Abidjan.

France battled to hold back the mobs, dropping percussion grenades on mobs massing at bridges, the international airport and the military base in Abidjan, French military spokesman Henry Aussaers said.

Foreigners in general were under attack, including hundreds of thousands of immigrants from neighboring Muslim countries.

Pauline Bax, Nafi Diour and Daniel Baint Kurt of The Associated Press contributed to this report in Yamoussoukro, Dakar, Senegal, and Abuja, Nigeria, respectively.

Gov. Schwarzenegger to embark on whirlwind trade mission to Japan

BY DION NISSENBAUM

San Jose Mercury News

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — He's known affectionately as "Shu-wah-n," the larger-than-life American movie star so beloved that Japanese officials once allowed him into the country without a passport, a scandal that forced the nation's justice minister to resign in disgrace.

But when the action hero who has peddled everything from energy drinks to instant noodles on Japanese television returns to the nation this week, he'll have a much bigger product to sell: California.

Capitalizing on his status as an American icon, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is preparing for a whirlwind 96-hour trade mission to Tokyo that will give him a chance to let the world know that California's economy is on the rebound and looking for business.

Beyond promoting California, the trip presents the Republican governor with a golden opportunity to sell himself on the international stage as an American diplomat and savvy political dynamo

with ever-growing White House ambitions.

Japan provides the perfect stage for Schwarzenegger. The country is California's second-largest export partner and the state's largest foreign investor. It is a leading importer of Silicon Valley products and California produce. More Japanese citizens live in California than any other state and another half million vacation here every year.

More than 150,000 Californians work for Japanese companies, from Union Bank and Toyota to Honda and NEC. It was in 1999 that he sparked a national furor when Justice Minister Shoburo Nakamura — a Schwarzenegger fan — allowed him to enter the country without his passport. The revelation forced Nakamura to step down.

On this trip, Schwarzenegger wants to lure more Japanese investors to California and convince the country's leaders to accept more state goods in coming years. One play the governor might make is for a manufacturing slice of Toyota's popular new hybrid sedan market.



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

Even if Schwarzenegger has limited success in luring new businesses to California, the trip gives him another opportunity to polish his international credentials.

During this week's trip, Schwarzenegger will bring a delegation of 56 people representing a diverse cross section of the business world from wineries and rice farms to amusement parks and car manufacturers.

The governor will sit down with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, a meeting that will bolster his stature as a global ambassador.

Demands could ease for hostages' release

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Militants threatening to kill three kidnapped U.N. workers said they handed over a list Sunday of 26 prisoners, some of them possibly being held by the United States at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where they would exchange for the foreign hostages.

A purported spokesman for the Taliban splinter group claiming to hold the trio also said it might remove its other demands, which include a U.N. withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Talks with the militants could resume on Tuesday.

Neither the United Nations nor the government have confirmed any contact with the kidnappers, though Afghan officials insist they are making progress toward the hostages' release.

Another spokesman for the Jaish al Muslimin, or Army of Muslims, said it was represented in the talks by two businessmen acting as go-betweens.

Sadur Momin said the group was "hopeful that the government and the United Nations will accept some of our demands. It is likely that we may relax some of our conditions."

The kidnapping of Annetta Flanagan of Northern Ireland, An-

gelito Nayan of the Philippines and Shighe Hebbi of Kosovo was the first against foreigners in Kabul since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

The militants released a videotape of the hostages, fueling concern that they are copying the tactics of insurgents in Iraq.

The group says Flanagan is ailing under the strain of her captivity and that all three are suffering from cold and a diet of little more than cookies.

They have offered no further proof of their condition.

U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said the concern of relatives, friends and colleagues was increasing "every day, every hour and every minute that goes by."

If they are suffering, "the best response for their need of medical attention is their immediate release," Almeida e Silva said.

President-elect Hamid Karzai also renewed his condemnation of the kidnapping on Saturday, when he received a visit from Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf.

Musharraf didn't mention the hostage crisis but pledged a common fight against terrorist groups for the two neighboring countries, whose relations have been strained by suspicions that militants find sanctuary in Pakistan.

'05 MIA recovery talks start next week

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Stripes

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — U.S. and North Korean representatives will meet next week in Thailand to negotiate next year's remains recovery missions, officials said this weekend.

Radio Free Asia, the U.S.-funded radio network, reported that top officials from the Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) want to build on the success of 2004's five joint missions.

In an October interview with Stars and Stripes, JPAC commander Maj. Gen. W. Montague "Que" Winfield called this the "most successful year we've ever had."

In the same interview, he laid out his priorities for negotiating the 2005 missions.

The top priority is for JPAC teams to get permission to search former North Korean POW camp sites, he said. "We have not been allowed to go there like we know what we were. And we know there are lots of remains there," Winfield said.

Negotiations with the North Koreans — set to begin this year on Nov. 15 — often end with both sides giving concessions, he said. For example, this year North Korea allowed remains to be repatriated

by land over the Demilitarized Zone for the first time. In return, the North Koreans demanded changes that gave the U.S. search teams less flexibility in movement.

Still, teams operating near Chosin Reservoir and in Unsan County north of Pyongyang recovered more than 40 sets of remains this year, Winfield said. In recent years, the negotiating teams have secured more access to former North Korean soldiers and other eyewitnesses who can help locate remains.

According to the Pentagon, some 8,100 Americans are listed as MIA from the Korean War.

Since 1996, the joint U.S.-North Korean recovery missions have found more than 200 sets of remains believed to be those of U.S. servicemen.

JPAC teams operate in more than 50 countries. Not all were battle sites, but U.S. aircraft crashed or were shot down when flying over many of the areas.

Radio Free Asia reported that Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Jerry Jennings is to lead the U.S. negotiators next month in Thailand. Col. Gen. Ri Chan Bok, North Korean representative at the Joint Security Area on the DMZ, is to lead the North Korean team.

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Train crash kills 7 in Britain



Accident inspectors examine the scene of a train crash in Upton Nerve, England, on Sunday. Seven people were killed and 11 seriously injured after a service carrying 300 passengers from London to Plymouth plowed into a car on an automatic crossing Saturday evening.

Spokesman: Arafat still in intensive care

Israel completes plans for Palestinian leader's burial

BY LARA SUKHITIAN
The Associated Press

CLAMART, France — A senior aide to Yasser Arafat said early Sunday the ailing Palestinian leader was not comatose but still in intensive care, adding to the confusion about his fragile health.

"He is not in a coma," Arafat's spokesman, Nabil Abu Rdeneh, told reporters after coming out of the French military hospital where Arafat has been undergoing treatment for more than a week.

He refused to say if he had seen Arafat personally or to describe his condition further, other than it was stable.

"Right now he is sleeping," Abu Rdeneh said shortly after midnight.

On Friday, Leila Shahid, the Palestinian envoy to France, told French radio the 75-year-old Arafat was in a "reversible coma" and "at a critical point between life and death."

On Saturday, hospital spokesman Gen. Christian Estrépeur described Arafat's condition as identical to a day earlier, when he said there had been no change — for better or worse. The hospital has refused to elaborate, citing the family's wishes.

It was unclear early Sunday whether Arafat had emerged from a coma or had never been in one — as other Palestinian officials have insisted.

Abu Rdeneh said Arafat had undergone further medical tests and that results were expected within days.

"He is still in the intensive care unit," Abu Rdeneh said.

Qureia, in a bid to preserve calm, made a rare visit to the Gaza Strip for talks with rival Palestinian groups.

Qureia met for four hours with representatives of the 13 major Palestinian factions, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, as well as security chiefs, lawmakers and officials of Arafat's Fatah faction. Such a broad gathering is extremely rare.

He was accompanied by Parliament Speaker Rauli Fattouh, who would step in as a caretaker president of the Palestinian Authority when Arafat dies.

Arafat first fell ill nearly a month ago with symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea. He was airlifted to France from his West Bank compound in Ramallah a week ago after briefly passing out. On Wednesday, his condition deteriorated and he was moved to an intensive care unit.

Meanwhile, Israel has completed preparations for the ailing Yasser Arafat to be buried in the Gaza Strip, outlining plans to allow West Bank Palestinians to cross through Israel for the funeral and permitting enemy Arab leaders to attend, security officials said Sunday.

The decision, announced by Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz in a Cabinet meeting, was the latest development in the battle over Arafat's burial. With the Palestinian leader's condition increasingly dire, where to bury him has become a sensitive issue.

Palestinian officials have said Arafat wants to be buried in Jerusalem. Israel rejects that demand, citing security concerns and fearing it would strengthen Palestinian claims to the traditionally Arab sector of the city as a future capital.

Israeli officials have suggested Gaza as an alternative, but say they will consider Palestinian wishes for burial elsewhere. They said there has not been contact by the Palestinians.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said it is inappropriate to discuss the burial issue while Arafat is alive. "I think it's not for the Israelis to decide and I would urge the Israelis to show some sensitivity," Erekat said.

Moroccan-born Badrane Lachab places a candle Sunday at the makeshift shrine for ailing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in front of the Percy Military Teaching hospital in Clamart, France, outside Paris. Arafat is in intensive care at the hospital.

Russians protest plan to scrap Revolution Day

BY MARA D. BELLABY
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russians marked the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution on Sunday with marches, communist rallies and protests against a parliamentary proposal to scrap what was once the most sacred Soviet holiday.

Some pro-Kremlin lawmakers have proposed replacing the Nov. 7 holiday with a new holiday on Nov. 4 to be called National Unity

Day. Russia's lower house of parliament, the State Duma, is expected to consider the measure Wednesday in the first of three required votes.

"This day was and will be a landmark event, and its celebration cannot be abolished," Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov said, according to the ITAR-TASS news agency. "People suffered for this holiday, and no one has the right to trample on our history."

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, former President Boris Yeltsin also wanted to scrap the holiday. In a compromise, it was preserved but renamed the Day of Accord and Reconciliation.

At least 8,000 Communist Party backers and members of the ultra-nationalist National Bolshevik party gathered Sunday at a square that used to be named after Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin and marched across Moscow toward a statue of Karl Marx. They carried the Soviet hammer-and-sickle flag, a giant portrait of Lenin and banners such as "U.S.S.R. — our Homeland," and sang Soviet-era songs.

Criticism of President Vladimir Putin's government, changes to social benefits and complaints about inequality dominated the speeches.

But some also chanted, "America, hands off Lukashenko!" a show of support for the authoritarian leader of neighboring Bel-

arus, Alexander Lukashenko, who has resurrected Soviet-era symbols and institutions and honored now disgraced Soviet-era officials. The United States has accused Lukashenko of human rights violations and threatened Belarus with sanctions.

In Red Square, aging veterans wearing long, belted World War II military coats marched in formation, retracing the steps they took in 1941 when Soviets defiantly celebrated Revolution Day in spite of the Nazi forces massed about 33 miles outside Moscow. The holiday was also marked in other former Soviet republics.

Three hundred elderly people rallied in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, the only country in former Soviet Central Asia that has preserved both the holiday and a statue of Lenin on one of the capital's main squares.

About 1,000 Ukrainians also marked the Soviet holiday, but some bystanders were cynical.



Russian veterans, wearing World War II military coats, lay flowers Sunday at the Tomb of Unknown Soldiers before a parade in Moscow's Red Square that marked the 63rd anniversary of Soviet troops who paraded despite the Nazi forces massed about 33 miles outside Moscow.

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Hezbollah claims it launched its first reconnaissance drone over Israel

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Hezbollah sent its first reconnaissance drone into Israeli territory Sunday — flying over Jewish settlements — in response to repeated Israeli violations of Lebanese airspace, the militant Islamic group announced.

In a statement faxed to The Associated Press, Hezbollah said a reconnaissance drone of the Islamic Resistance, the group's military wing, carried out its first

flights over "occupied northern Palestine, flying over several Zionist settlements, reaching the coastal settlement of Nahariya and returning safely to its base."

Such a flight was believed to be the first hostile aerial incursion from Lebanon into Israel by guerrillas since Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command members sailed over in 1987 on a hang glider and killed six soldiers before being shot dead. A Hezbollah surveillance capability likely would stoke ten-

sion along a long-problematic border.

The Israeli army confirmed that a Hezbollah drone, which Israel claimed was Iranian-made, penetrated the airspace Sunday morning and flew over western Galilee.

"This qualitative and new achievement by the Islamic Resistance in Lebanon comes as part of a natural response to the Zionist enemy's repeated and permanent violations of Lebanese airspace," the statement said.

Iraq declares 60-day state of emergency

U.S. troops isolate Fallujah ahead of expected offensive

BY TINI TRAN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's government declared a 60-day state of emergency throughout most of the country on Sunday, as U.S. and Iraqi forces prepared for an expected all-out assault on rebels in Fallujah. Insurgents escalated a wave of violence that has killed more than 50 people the past two days.

After the declaration, the U.S. command said American soldiers had "isolated Fallujah" and all traffic in and out of the city had been halted. The statement said U.S. forces were "finishing final preparations for an assault on Fallujah."

Explosions were heard in Baghdad as government spokesman Thair Hassan al-Naqeeb announced the state of emergency for the entire country except Kurdish areas in the north. "It is going to be a curfew. It is going to be so many things. Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi will give more details Monday, he said.

Al-Naqeeb declined to say whether the announcement signaled an imminent attack on the insurgent stronghold Fallujah, saying, "We have seen the situation is worsening in this area. Any obstacle will be removed."

After sundown Sunday, Fallujah residents reported heavy exchanges of fire between U.S. troops and insurgents near the northern edge of the city.

Allawi, who called a meeting Sunday with his defense minister, interior minister and provincial police commanders, said the state of emergency is a "very powerful message that we are serious" about reining in insurgents before elections set for January.

"We want elections to take place. We want to secure the country so elections can be done

in a peaceful way and the Iraqi people can participate in the elections freely, without the intimidation by terrorists and by forces who are trying to wreck the political process in Iraq," he said.

Allawi, a secular-minded Shiite Muslim, faces strong pressure from within the minority Sunni community against an all-out assault. "I urge the brother prime minister to reconsider the issue of storming Fallujah and to give another chance for dialogue," Hatim Jassim, a member of the Iraqi National Council, told Al-Jazeera television.

Mohammed Ali Bilal, a Fallujah negotiator, urged the Arab League, the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Conferences to "find a peaceful solution for this problem."

The emergency decree was issued as insurgents carried out a second day of assaults in central Iraq, attacking police stations, gunning down government officials and setting off bombs.

Three attacks on U.S. convoys in and around Baghdad killed two American soldiers and wounded five others Sunday, the military said. Residents reported grenades setting police cars aflame on Haifa Street in the heart of the city.

A car bomb also exploded near the Baghdad home of Iraq's finance minister, Adil Abdel-Mahdi, the Interior Ministry said.

"They are all safe, thank God, the minister and his family," said Reda Jawad Taki a spokesman for a major Shiite political party.

The U.S. military said the bomb killed one Iraqi bystander and wounded another. A U.S. patrol came under small arms fire as it responded, wounding one soldier, a statement said.

The wave of violence sweeping the troubled Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad, may



Heat waves swirl around an Iraqi police vehicle after an attack by insurgents using a rocket-propelled grenade on Haifa Street in Baghdad on Sunday. At least one police officer was injured in a similar attack on another vehicle nearby. Also Sunday, a car bomb exploded near the home of Iraq's finance minister, who was unhurt.

be aimed at relieving pressure on Fallujah, where about 10,000 American troops are massing for a major assault if Allawi gives the green light.

Early Sunday, Marines fired a barrage of artillery at rebel positions inside Fallujah and clashed with insurgents carrying AK-47s, killing at least 16. Two U.S. soldiers were wounded at midnight at a checkpoint near Fallujah, the U.S. military said.

On Sunday, Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, gave a rousing pep talk before 2,000 to 3,000 Marines at a base near Fallujah.

"You can feel the energy. You can feel the chemistry. You're going to give that to the Iraqi forces as they join that fight. God bless you, each and everyone. You know what your mission is. Go out there and get it done," he said.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,127 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 865 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is two higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EST.

The British military has reported 73 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 989 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 756 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No new deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department: ■ Army Spc. Cody L. Wentz, 21, Williston, N.D.; died Thursday when an explosive detonated near his vehicle; assigned to the National Guard 141st Engineer Battalion, Williston, N.D.

Syria pledges tighter control of Iraqi border

Iraq minister reportedly will be in Damascus soon to sign cooperation agreement

BY SALAH NASRAWI

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — With preparations under way for U.S. Marines to storm Fallujah, a stronghold of foreign and Iraqi insurgents, Syria pledged Sunday it will do all it can to stop infiltration through its border with Iraq.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa said during a short visit to Cairo to discuss the deteriorating situation in Iraq that a conference to be held in Egypt later this month will help stabilize Syria's war-torn neighbor.

"We are with Iraq's security and with halting this cross-border infiltration into Iraq," al-Sharaa told reporters after his meeting with President Hosni Mubarak.

Iraq's interim government and the United States have been pushing Iraq's neighbors, especially Syria, to secure their borders to prevent foreign fighters from neighboring Arab states and elsewhere to enter Iraq and attack coalition forces.

Middle East states and the powerful Group of Eight industrial nations are expected to throw their support behind the Iraqi interim government's efforts toward stability at a global conference scheduled Nov. 22-23 in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh. China, the United Nations, the Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Conference and the European Union also will participate.

Al-Sharaa said Iraq's interior minister, Falah Naqib, was due in Damascus soon to sign an agreement on cooperating to control the porous border.

Iraqi authorities have closed a border crossing point with Syria, and U.S. troops have sealed the main highway into Fallujah, Iraq, where about 10,000 U.S. troops are massing for a major assault.

An estimated 1,200 hardcore insurgents are believed to be operating in Fallujah — at least half of them Iraqis. They are bolstered by cells believed to have up to 2,000 fighters in the surrounding towns and countryside.

On other issues, al-Sharaa said he and Mubarak discussed the situation in the Palestinian territories in view of Yasser Arafat's grave illness. He called on rival Palestinian factions to pull together.

"National unity is the key to achieving Palestinian rights and national consensus is essential to regaining the occupied territories," al-Sharaa said.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa in Cairo, Egypt, for talks focusing on the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Iraq.

U.S.: Thousands of anti-aircraft missiles missing

BY DANA PRIEST
AND BRADLEY GRAHAM

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Several thousand shoulder-fired missiles — the kind that could be used to shoot down aircraft — are missing in Iraq, and their disappearance has prompted U.S. military and intelligence analysts to increase sharply their estimate of the number of such weapons that may be at large, administration officials said Saturday.

Some U.S. analysts figure that as many as 4,000 surface-to-air missiles once under the control of Saddam Hussein's government remain unaccounted for. That would raise the number of such missiles outside government hands worldwide to about 6,000. But a senior defense official said yesterday that military intelligence analysts are having difficulty estimating just how many of the portable missiles may have vanished and how many of those may be in working order and therefore a threat to U.S. and other aircraft.

"We don't have a good estimate," the official said.

Another official said government analysts could not say with any certainty whether the missing weapons remain in Iraq or have been smuggled outside the country. "There is no evidence that they have left the country," he said.

Still, other government officials

said the threat that the Iraqi missiles could be used to target military or civilian aircraft remains a very real one. Concern about the Iraqi missiles was raised during a conference on aviation threats last week at the DIA's Missile and Space Intelligence Center in Huntsville, Ala. The new estimates, based on analysis done by the DIA and with the proliferation section of the CIA, were first reported Saturday by the New York Times.

The U.S.-led invasion forces did not secure all weapons depots in Iraq, and hundreds of thousands of tons of munitions were looted. U.S. officials fear that the shoulder-launched missiles were among the items carried off by groups willing to sell them on the black market to terrorist organizations.

Western intelligence officials have repeatedly warned of al-Qaida's desire to acquire the missiles for use against American and other airliners. The weapons are easy to hide and cost relatively little — from less than \$1,000 to \$100,000 each.

U.S. officials have said thousands of anti-aircraft missiles, most of them SA-7s, were looted from Iraqi army stockpiles and remain unaccounted for. The U.S. military initiated a buyback program for surface-to-air missiles in August 2003, paying as much as \$500 apiece. Although hundreds were acquired, military officials have said that thousands remain in circulation.



JULIANA GITTNER/Stars and Stripes

Maj. Brian Grady, with Company B of the 448th Civil Affairs Battalion attached to the 14th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, shows an Iraqi boy the contents of a backpack with school supplies.

14th Cavalry delivers backpacks

BY JULIANA GITTNER

Stars and Stripes

During a routine mission Saturday in northern Iraq, soldiers with the 14th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division popped into a remote school and handed out 150 backpacks and toothbrushes.

The visit was a spur-of-the-moment stop for the Stryker Brigade Combat Team members aimed at helping a school that troops haven't visited in a year, said Maj. Brian Grady, with Company B of the 448th

Civil Affairs Battalion.

Soldiers piled up backpacks filled with school supplies and warnings about unexploded ordnance on the ramps of two Strykers while soldiers and translators asked the school principal to let the children out of class to have them.

After the mad rush for supplies and plenty of young smiles, the Strykers closed up and headed back to their mission along the Syrian border.

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Iraqi TV airs confessions of foreign rebels

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's government television station broadcast confessions of what it said were Arab and foreign terrorists who infiltrated the country's porous borders to fight against U.S.-led coalition forces.

The confessions, aired several times over the weekend, were publicized as U.S. and Iraqi forces amassed around Fallujah for an anticipated showdown with fighters in the insurgent stronghold.

Iraqi officials say the fight there is against foreign fighters and "terrorists," not the people of Fallujah.

The station, Iraqiya, showed 19 Arab males aged 20 to 40, dressed in blue jumpsuits and lined up against a wall while the camera panned their pale, bearded faces.

An announcer read a statement accusing the prisoners "of carrying out mass killings, sabotage, inciting sectarianism and racism, destroying the econo-

mic and the social infrastructure of our people to take us back to the Dark Ages."

The 19 included five Syrians, five Saudis, four Jordanians, two Egyptians, two Iranians and one Palestinian. Most were said to have entered the country in October 2003, during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

Only two of them, however, said they came to join the insurgency in Iraq. One said he was from the same town in Jordan as Iraq's most feared terrorist mastermind, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Saleh Said al-Rahmani, of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, said he crossed the Saudi border to Iraq in Ramadan last year to follow "the call," — a term that generally means to carry the message of Islam.

A young Palestinian, Tayseer Hassan Halabi, said he entered Iraq from Syria where he lived temporarily. "I came to Iraq when the war started to join the fighters," he said. Halabi said he made contacts with insurgents only after arriving in Iraq.

Iraqiya said the 19 were among 167 people arrested recently by Iraqi police and who are now under interrogation.

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Guardsmen lose legal challenge to Iraq deployment

But case against stop loss continues

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A National Guard soldier ordered to duty in Iraq is challenging the military's stop-loss program and asking a judge to block the military from involuntarily extending his enlistment.

The program has been criticized as a back-door draft by some lawmakers, including Democrat Sen. John Kerry, who lost in Tuesday's presidential elections to George W. Bush.

U.S. District Judge Frank Dammrell Jr. refused to grant an injunction stopping the soldier's transfer to Iraq later this month because his California National Guard enlistment does not expire until May. However, if the soldier prevails in his challenge, he can be returned home by court order, the judge said Friday.

The stop-loss program extends enlistment during war or national emergencies. It could keep tens of thousands of personnel in the military beyond their expected tour of service.

The Army National Guardsman, identified only as John Doe to prevent harassment or reprisal against him or his family, argues that the policy doesn't apply to the National Guard.

His lawyers said the provision can legally be used only when Congress declares war, and not in Iraq.

"He's being deprived of his liberty under an order he charged as unlawful," attorney Joshua Sondheimer said Saturday.

Justice Department attorney Matthew Lepore defended the policy, saying it was authorized by an emergency executive order signed by Bush three days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The Sacramento-based soldier is an eight-year veteran with combat experience who is married with two children. Court papers said the soldier's family faces financial hardship because of his extended absence from his civilian job.

He signed up under a National Guard program for veterans that offers military education and family medical benefits for a one-year trial. Before that term expired, he was called up for an 18-month tour that will extend his enlistment by nearly a year.

Last week, the Army agreed to honorably discharge Capt. Jay Fornella, who was told to go to Iraq even though he had notified the Army he was resigning.



U.S. Marines of the 1st Division try to control a horse as they stage a chariot race reminiscent of the Charlton Heston movie "Ben-Hur," complete with confiscated Iraqi horses, at their base outside Fallujah, Iraq, on Saturday. For Marines tapped to lead an expected attack on insurgents in Fallujah the race was a welcome pre-assault diversion.

Troops ease battle tension with 'Ben-Hur' chariot race

Marines slated for Fallujah assault get diversion

BY EDWARD HARRIS

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — For U.S. Marines awaiting orders to attack Iraq's rebel-held Fallujah, the bags are packed, trucks are loaded and letters have been sent home, leaving one final, pre-assault diversion: the "Ben-Hur."

Blowing off steam, hundreds of Marines took their cue from the 1959 Charlton Heston classic and gathered Saturday at a base near Fallujah for a slapstick chariot race featuring cobbled-together carts and confiscated Iraqi horses.

"These men are about to face the greatest personal and professional tests of their lifetimes," said Lt. Col. Willy Buhl, commander of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. "We wanted to lighten things up, take the tension off what we're about to do," said the 42-year-old commander from Los Gatos, Calif., who dreamed up the "First Annual 'Ben-Hur' Memorial Chariot Race."

The Marine charioters, wearing togas over their body armor, waved barbican bats done up as spiked maces and jumped into carts forged from cast-off vehicle parts. The makeshift chariots were pulled by Iraqi horses commandeered from looters in the area.

Some 10,000 U.S. troops have encircled Fallujah, a city 40 miles west of Baghdad, to attack Sunni Muslim fighters there — if the final go-ahead is given by Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

U.S. jets pounded Fallujah early Saturday in the heaviest airstrikes in six months — including five 500-pound bombs dropped on insurgent targets. Insurgents struck elsewhere in central Iraq with sui-

cide car bombs, mortars and rockets, killing more than 30 people and wounding dozens, including more than 20 Americans.

Fallujah is believed to be the headquarters of militant groups, including some responsible for the wave of car bombings and beheadings of foreign and Iraqi hostages. By capturing the insurgent sanctuary, U.S. and Iraqi government forces hope to restore enough order nationwide to enable the country to hold a general election by the end of January.

On Saturday, Marines who endure daily mortar and rocket fire packed unneeded personal belongings into shipping crates, loaded up their Humvees and spoke of what they expected was the last mail pickup for some time.

Tension and anticipation ran high among the young Marines surrounding Fallujah, many of whom have never tasted combat.

"We're ready to go. I'm just ready to get this done. I want to go and kill people, so we can go home," said Lance Cpl. Joseph Bowman, 20, from North Zulch, Texas. "Kill them and go home, that's all we can do now."

But first, the Marines had a little fun with the horses.

The race didn't come off exactly as planned — one steed turned on its chariotier in the first race and tried to bite the Marine — who fended the horse off with a wooden timber, drawing loud cheers.

A weapons team duo eventually prevailed in the final heat. The horse ran straight over the finish line, scattering Marine bystanders and slamming snout-first into sand-filled barriers. The horse was unhurt.

Veteran sues Army after he's called back to duty

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — A veteran of the first Persian Gulf War is suing the Army after it ordered him to report for duty 13 years after he was honorably discharged from active duty eight years after he left the reserves.

Kasai resident David Miyasato received word of his reactivation in September, but he says he believes he completed his eight-year obligation to the Army long ago.

"I was shocked," Miyasato said Friday. "I never expected to see something like that after being out of the service for 13 years."

His federal lawsuit, filed Friday in Honolulu, seeks a judgment declaring that he has fulfilled his military obligations.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Harry Yee said his office would defend the Army. He declined to comment further. An Army spokesman at the Pentagon declined to comment to the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Miyasato, 34, was scheduled to report to a military facility in South Carolina on Tuesday.

Within hours of filing the lawsuit, however, Miyasato received a faxed letter from the Army's Human Resources Command saying his "exemption from active duty had not been finalized at this time" and that he has been given an administrative delay for up to 30 days, said his attorney, Eric Seitz.

Miyasato, his wife, Estelle, and their 7-month-old daughter, Abigail, live in Lihue, where he opened an auto-tinting shop two years ago.

His lawsuit states that Miyasato is suing not because he opposes the war in Iraq, but because his business and family would suffer "serious and irreparable harm" if he is required to serve.

Miyasato enlisted in the Army in 1987 and served in Iraq and Kuwait during the first Persian Gulf War as a petroleum supply specialist and truck driver.

Miyasato said he received an honorable discharge from active duty in 1991, then served in the reserves until 1996 to fulfill his eight-year enlistment commitment.

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Rove: Bush nominees to get fair hearings

BY JENNIFER C. KERR

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House expressed confidence Sunday that President Bush's judicial nominees will get a fair hearing in the Senate, despite comments from Republican Sen. Arlen Specter that anti-abortion nominees were unlikely to be confirmed by the newly elected Senate.

Chief political adviser Karl Rove said Specter, in line to head the Senate Judiciary Committee, has assured the president that they would make certain that every one of Bush's nominees receives a prompt hearing and an up-or-down vote by the full Senate.

"Sen. Specter's a man of his word," Rove told Fox News on Sunday. "We'll take him at his word."

The Pennsylvania lawmaker is next in line to chair the Senate Judiciary Committee, which would oversee Bush's judicial selections, including any Supreme Court nominations. Last week, Specter told reporters that "judges who would change the right of a woman to choose, overturn *Roe v. Wade*" probably would face problems in the Senate.

Specter said Bush has had trouble getting some of his nominees through the Senate because of Democratic filibusters. "I would



White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, left, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, center, and senior adviser Karl Rove wait for President Bush to arrive Thursday in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington. Rove told Fox News on Sunday that Sen. Arlen Specter, who is in line to head the Senate Judiciary Committee, assured him Bush's judicial nominees will get prompt hearings in the Senate.

expect the president to be mindful of the considerations which I am mentioning," he said.

Filibusters, a bill-killing tactic of unlimited debate, remain possi-

ble in the Senate elected last week because the Republicans' 55-45 majority falls five votes short of the 60 needed to cut off debate.

Specter's comments on the question came a day after he won re-election in a tight race in which the president campaigned for him. The remarks outraged conservative groups such as Concerned Women for America,

which sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist urging him to prevent Specter from taking the chairmanship.

Specter backtracked the next day, saying he wasn't warning Bush not to make those kinds of choices. His meaning, Specter said, was that "in light of the repeated filibusters by the Democrats in the last Senate session, I am concerned about a potential repetition of such filibusters."

Blair to visit president this week

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's first postelection meeting with a foreign leader comes this week when Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, a staunch ally on Iraq, is due for two days of discussions at the White House.

Blair will be in Washington on Thursday and Friday for meetings to chart the way forward on a range of issues including terrorism and Iraq, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

McClellan said the meeting is part of Bush's intention to reach out to allies in Europe and NATO "to promote development and progress, to defeat the terrorists and to encourage freedom and democracy as alternatives to tyranny and terror."

"The president looks forward to discussing with Prime Minister Blair how to strengthen further U.S. cooperation with the United Kingdom and all of Europe, as we address together the many challenges our nations face at the beginning of the 21st century," McClellan said.

Bush has not welcomed a foreign leader to the White House since August, when he was host to the interim prime minister of Iraq, Ayad Allawi. Bush and Blair's last meeting was during a NATO summit in Istanbul, Turkey, in June.

Sales of cold remedies can help CDC track flu

BY DIETRA HENDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales of over-the-counter drugs taken to treat the flu may help the government learn more quickly about local outbreaks.

The government now receives figures representing 80 percent of the sales of remedies for cold symptoms and diarrhea, for example, in an effort to spot disease trends.

A sudden spike in sales of those products "might be a hint that flu is emerging," the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Sunday.

"It's a clue. And we don't know if it's going to be a useful clue or not," Dr. Julie Gerberding said at the American Public Health Association's annual meeting.

The experiment comes as the United States struggles with a shortage of flu vaccine caused by contamination problems at a Chiron Corp. plant in Britain, where 48 million doses destined for the United States were quarantined.

Through increased production at other plants, the government has obtained more than 60 million doses of vaccine. U.S. officials had hoped to supply 100 million doses this year.

Food and Drug Administration inspectors are visiting plants in Germany and Canada in pursuit of more flu vaccine.

When the crisis first began, Gerberding said she told her team she wanted three things:

■ Breakdowns, by county, where flu was spreading. The drug sales may help give an earlier glimpse than waiting for hospitals to fill with the sickest patients.

■ Where vaccine arrived, by county.

■ Areas where sick people needed vaccine but supplies had not arrived.

The flu season appears to be starting slowly this year, Gerberding said.

Several states are reporting a few cases, including Texas and two New York nursing homes. Many states, however, have not recorded a single flu case. Not one is reporting widespread flu activity.

"We're not getting off to a fast start," she said, adding that that did not mean this year's season would remain light.

As most people scramble for scarce doses of flu vaccine, the nation's top public health agency has another worry: bird flu, which Gerberding says people are not particularly focused on.

Her agency is monitoring the spread of avian flu in Asia as it continues to leap from animals to humans, to gauge whether the strain is evolving.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
British pound	\$1,212.7
Japanese yen (Nov. 8)	\$1.89
South Korean won (Nov. 8)	\$1,082.0
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.8923
Canada (Dollar)	0.7176
Denmark (Krone)	5.796
Egypt (Pound)	0.220
Euro	\$1.2962
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7173
Hungary (Forint)	195.88
Indonesia (Rupiah)	1,548.0
Israel (Shekel)	4.438
Japan (Yen)	105.65
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	6.3569
Philippines (Peso)	56.38
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.750
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3536
South Korea (Won)	1,111.60
Switzerland (Franc)	1.1776
Thailand (Baht)	54.78
Turkey (Lira)	1,475,588.00

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), consult your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currency in U.S. dollars, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-peso, and the euro, which is in dollars-to-euro.)

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Silver	\$7.493

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	1.8125
3-month bill	2.62
30-year bond	4.50

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Finding low hotel rates

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Lodging can be the most expensive part of a vacation.

Knowing where to look and how to search are the keys to getting the lowest rates, according to David Downing, travel columnist for *Fodor's.com*, the Web site of one of the largest English-language guidebook publishers.

To get the best hotel rates, review the following:

First, check online for discount hotel rates. There are numerous Web sites offering deals on hotel rates, even for last-minute reservations.

Check the hotel's Web site. You can often get good rates directly, Downing said. Before hotels had the capability to offer bookings online, they would hand out all the overstock rooms — and the great rates — to the discount travel Web sites.

"That's not the case anymore," he added. The hotel may offer perks such as loyalty points, room upgrades or a free break-

fast to customers who book rooms directly through the hotel. It may also have so-called Web-only deals on its own site.

Try calling the hotel itself — not the agent's toll-free number — and ask for the best rate. Chain agents at the toll-free number might not know much about individual hotels, but you can bet the hotel's staff will know about all the latest deals. You may find out about special promotions or discounts, such as those for AAA members or for people belonging to specific professional associations.

Some people go as far as calling the hotel and asking it to match the low rate found online. It seems bold, but hotel managers may be tempted to give in. Managers are rated by their hotels on occupancy. Downing said, so booking rooms at low rates is more beneficial than leaving them empty. No matter how you reserve your room, be sure to find out before you pay, what is included in the rate and what is extra. Rates listed on Web sites also may not include room taxes and other surcharges.

FACES

Sharpton, wife split up

The Rev. Al Sharpton and his wife, Kathy Jordan Sharpton,



Sharpton

have announced their separation after 23 years of marriage.

The Sharptons said in a New York Friday that they "will remain on the best terms."

The pair "have extremely active careers and their separation allows them to continue pursuing their work interests," the statement said. "They will continue to work together in their civil rights work and in their other business ventures, including those in the entertainment industry."

"Together they have successfully raised two daughters, one of whom started college this year, and the other of whom will be graduating high school in June," the statement said.

Jazz masters

Former big band leader Artie Shaw is among seven artists who have been named National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters.

Since 1982, the National Endowment has awarded the title to a handful of living jazz musicians and promoters to recognize their contributions to the art form. Those honored also include guitarist Kenny Burrell, clarinetist-saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera, composer Slide Hampton, pianist Shirley Horn, keyboardist Jimmy Smith and jazz impresario George Wein. The announcement was made Thursday at the National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Society.

The seven will officially receive their awards at a Jan. 7 concert and ceremony in Long Beach, Calif.

Woods sues builder

Tiger Woods is taking a swing at the builder of his luxury yacht, the Privacy, accusing the shipyard of using his name and photograph for financial gain without permission.

Lawyers for Woods sued in federal court on Oct. 29, claiming his contract with Christensen Shipyard, Ltd., barred the boat manufacturer from using the golfer to promote the company, but it did so anyway.

The lawsuit accuses the Vancouver, Wash.-based company of starting a "widespread national campaign" using Woods' name



Woods

and photos of the 155-foot yacht. It also says the company used the golfer's name and the pictures in a display at the Fort Lauderdale [Fla.] Boat Show last month.

The lawsuit claims more than \$75,000 in damages for Woods because his privacy was violated. Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Brian Wilson's latest album in the making for 4 decades

BY JOHN ROGERS

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

If Brian Wilson could change just one thing in life, it wouldn't be the legendary emotional traumas, the insecurities, the drug abuse, the battles with weight or the endless legal conflicts that nearly destroyed him.

"I would have made the rhythm of 'California Girls' a little better," Wilson deadpans. "That," he adds with the slightest of smiles, "is my only regret."

Were Wilson not shy and extremely modest by nature, he'd probably be wearing a bigger smile these days. The genius who was the guiding force behind the Beach Boys—at a time when the group mattered to music as much as the Beatles—is back in all his creative glory.

The proof is "Smile," a 47-minute rock opera in three movements that, when the composer first envisioned it in 1966, was to have been a "teenage symphony to God."

He was 24 then. He is 62 now. Except for a slight paunch and the gray overtaking his wavy brown hair, Wilson's appearance has changed little from the gangly, cherubic-faced youth who captivated the world with such songs as "Surferin' Safari," "Little Deuce Coupe," "Surfer Girl," "Catch a Wave" and "Fun Fun Fun."

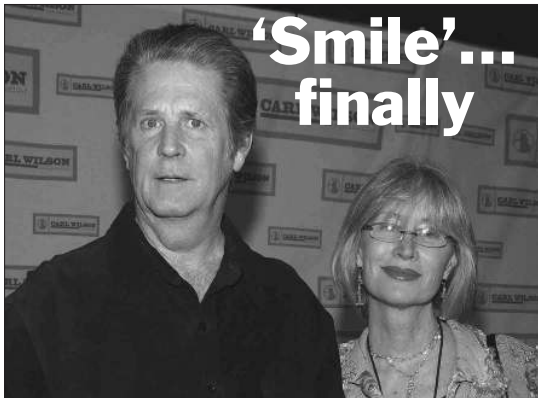
Though much of the public may forever associate him with the Beach Boys' three-minute odes to sand, girls and cars, Wilson grew to be one of pop music's greatest composers.

After the Beatles stunned the pop music world with the release of the elaborately produced "Rubber Soul" in 1965, Wilson—one-upped them with "Pet Sounds." The Beatles, in turn, responded with "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," a work still regarded by Rolling Stone magazine as the greatest rock album ever made ("Pet Sounds" is No. 2).

"Rubber Soul" was such an experience for me to hear that I went to my piano and I started writing 'Pet Sounds' right away," Wilson, dressed in blue jeans, a pullover shirt and tennis shoes, said recently during a break from rehearsing "Smile" for a concert tour.

It was while the Beatles were in the studio putting together "Sgt. Pepper" that he and longtime collaborator Van Dyke Parks were working on "Smile" for the Beach Boys.

Those who heard early tapes predicted it would be the greatest rock accomplishment ever. But it was not to be, and the reasons



Brian Wilson and his wife, Melinda, attend the Brian Wilson and Friends benefit concert in honor of Beach Boy founding member Carl Dean Wilson in October 2003 in Los Angeles.

why quickly became the stuff of legend.

Among the stories that spread over the years: Wilson suffered a nervous breakdown. He realized he couldn't top the Beatles again, and it drove him over the edge. His fellow Beach Boys—in those days Wilson's cousin Mike Love; his brothers, Carl and Dennis Wilson; and Bruce Johnston and Al Jardine—couldn't understand, let alone begin to play, an album as complicated as "Smile."

So in frustration, it was said, Wilson set his studio on fire, destroyed all the "Smile" tapes, then locked himself in drug-addled seclusion in his room.

Indeed, his subsequent battles to overcome drug abuse and other problems would be well documented.

"The pressure of trying to live up to my name was a little hard for me, so I had some difficulties, some mental difficulties," he acknowledges now. "But I worked through it."

The reason he gives for shelving "Smile," however, is much less intriguing.

"I don't think it would have been a hit album," he says mat-

ter-of-factly. "I think it would have been a big bomb."

"It was too advanced music. It was avant-garde music and it was too ahead of its time," he adds, noting that even after his wife, Melinda, persuaded him to finish it this year he still had doubts that it would be well received.

Fueled by sometimes-drug-induced visions, "Smile" sought to create a sprawling musical landscape of mid-America, one that extended across the 20th century and from the Midwest to Hawaii.

Lushly orchestrated and vocally challenging (a 22-piece band and a dozen voices are needed to perform it in concert), it clearly would have been the ultimate Beach Boys album.

Instead it has become Wilson's long-delayed masterpiece, a symphonic work bookended by two of his most-beloved pop songs, "Heroes and Villains" and "Good Vibrations."

"It's pretty much like if Frank Zappa and Mozart got together," is how his current drummer, Jim Hines, describes it.

Wilson himself shuns comparisons to Mozart, Beethoven or other major musical figures. He

cites his influences as the contemporaries the Beatles and, before that, producer Phil Spector, who created rock's "Wall of Sound."

"I don't consider myself to be a genius," he says. "I consider myself to be a clever songwriter."

He acknowledges that "Good Vibrations" and "California Girls" are masterpieces, but he can't begin to explain how he created them.

Wilson broke with the Beach Boys years ago amid the band's many legal squabbles. He has outlived both of his brothers and broken off contact with the group's two veteran members.

"Mike Love and Bruce Johnston are out of my life," he says, making it clear he doesn't wish to discuss them further.

As for his known history of stage fright, musicians who work with him now say Wilson appears to have gotten over it.

"Oh, no. No, no, it's not gone at all," he says with a chuckle. "I still have stage fright all the time. Before every concert, I do about a half hour of stage fright. But then, as soon as we hit our first notes and the band starts to play, and I start to sing, my fears go away. My fears and phobias just dissolve."

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6	AFN-P	•ESPN News	Pacific Report	•NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Indianapolis Colts. From the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. (CC)	•ESPN News	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)					
7	AFN-AT	(5:46) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	(3:55) Guiding Light (CC)	(1:17) General Hospital	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Spy	Animaniacs
8	NEWS	Headbail with Chris Matthews	CNN Daybreak		The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	Channel One
9	SPORTS	•(5:00) Sports			•SportsCenter		•NFL Total Access					To Be Announced
10	SPEC	The Simpsons Homer regresses to childhood. (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond Pretty neighbors. (CC)	Star Trek: Enterprise "Extinction" Archer, Reed and Booth are turned into members of an extinct race. (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "High and Low" Nick and Warrick probe the fall of a paraglider. (CC)	Biography "River Phoenix" The late actor River Phoenix earned critical praise for his work. (CC)	Friends Rachel re-joins the dating scene. (CC)	Seinfeld "The Pool Guy" Jerry's new best friend. (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)		Blind Date (CC)	
11	AFN-FM	SpongeBob	Rugrats (CC)	The Proud Family Amanda	Everwood (CC)	Sister, Sister (CC)	Sister, Sister (CC)	The Cooley Show Home Improvements. (CC)	Touched by an Angel (CC)			
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13	TFM	Dragon Tales (CC)	Doc (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) (CC)	Now "The Missing Link" A group of paleontologists discover a very fossil jaw. (CC)	Frontline "Rumsfeld's War" The status of the U.S. military. (N) (CC)	Independent Lens "The Political Dr. Seuss" Writer and illustrator Theodor Geisel. (N) (CC)	•(5:00) • "Color of Night" (1994) Bruce Willis. A man's life is threatened while solving a father's murder. (R) (CC)	•(5:00) • "Color of Night" (1994) Bruce Willis. A man's life is threatened while solving a father's murder. (R) (CC)	•(5:00) • "Color of Night" (1994) Bruce Willis. A man's life is threatened while solving a father's murder. (R) (CC)	•(5:00) • "Color of Night" (1994) Bruce Willis. A man's life is threatened while solving a father's murder. (R) (CC)	•(5:00) • "Color of Night" (1994) Bruce Willis. A man's life is threatened while solving a father's murder. (R) (CC)
14	SHOW	(5:45) • "The Sum of All Fears" (2002) Suspense! Ben Affleck, Morgan Freeman, James Cromwell. Terrorists plan to detonate a nuclear bomb in the U.S. (R-13) (CC)		American Justice "Presumed Guilty" Two innocent men received death sentences. (CC)	Biography "The Wildcat Shagbills" Thriller kills tortois. (N) (CC)	Cold Case Files "A story operation helps police nail the killers of a San Diego man. (N) (CC)	Dog the Bounty Hunter Dog visits Denver. (CC)	Hunter Dog visits Denver. (CC)	Hunter Dog visits Denver. (CC)	Hunter Dog visits Denver. (CC)	Hunter Dog visits Denver. (CC)	Hunter Dog visits Denver. (CC)
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16	TFC	TV Patrol International Edition (25) Wazz Up Kebab (CC)	(15) OK, Fine Whatever			(45) Pipol	Morning Star	(15) Kumikang Kebab (CC)	(40) Masayang Tanghal Bayan	(45) SGC Reload		
17	CNN+	Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
18	GOLF	•European PGA Golf German Masters - Third Round. From Cologne, Germany.				•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central	•Golf Central
19	TLC	Clean Sweep "Junk Sent Packing" Disagreement. (CC)	In a Fix "Timeless Dream" A promise to fix up a house is ignored. (CC)	Mega Machines "Mega Haulers" Machines that handle colossal loads. (CC)	Powerful Girls! Cartoon Cartoon	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes
20	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Codename: Kids Next Door	Justice League	Powerful Girls! Cartoon Cartoon	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes
21	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries "It's a Girl" Steve races to the hospital for the birth of his daughter. (R) (CC)	Most Extreme "Disgust" Mother Nature's masters of disguise. (CC)	Austin Stevens: Snakemaster "Search for Ultimate Pit Tiger" The giant lance-head snake. (CC)	Most Extreme "Monster Myths" Aliigars in the sewers. (CC)	Miami Animal Police "Tiger Trouble" A tiger visits the vet. (CC)	Austin Stevens: Snakemaster "Search for Ultimate Pit Tiger" The giant lance-head snake. (CC)	Austin Stevens: Snakemaster "Search for Ultimate Pit Tiger" The giant lance-head snake. (CC)	Austin Stevens: Snakemaster "Search for Ultimate Pit Tiger" The giant lance-head snake. (CC)	Austin Stevens: Snakemaster "Search for Ultimate Pit Tiger" The giant lance-head snake. (CC)	Austin Stevens: Snakemaster "Search for Ultimate Pit Tiger" The giant lance-head snake. (CC)	Austin Stevens: Snakemaster "Search for Ultimate Pit Tiger" The giant lance-head snake. (CC)
22	COM	Travel Sick "Crossbills" American education. (CC)	The Daily Show	Mad TV	Purple of Mud. (CC)	Crunk Yankers "Burkum wants to quest. (CC)	South Park "Cartman starts being a quest. (CC)	Chappelle's Show "Wanda Does It" Clip show. (CC)	Wanda Does It "Wanda follows a hooker. (N) (CC)	The Daily Show	Tough Crowd (N) (CC)	Tough Crowd (N) (CC)
23	NOCA	Treasure Seekers "A Russian-born woman's work helps reveal the real life of the Mayan." (CC)	Snake Wranglers "Rattlesnakes. (CC)	Croc Chronicles "Tropic Croc" Croc. (CC)	Bringing Home the Bears II: From Snake With Love (CC)	Going to Extremes: Wet	Chimps: The Dark Side Wild chimpanzees and what compels them to attack. (CC)	Dangerous Dogs "Demolition Squad" Experts use explosives to demolish buildings. (CC)	Dangerous Dogs "Demolition Squad" Experts use explosives to demolish buildings. (CC)	Dangerous Dogs "Demolition Squad" Experts use explosives to demolish buildings. (CC)	Dangerous Dogs "Demolition Squad" Experts use explosives to demolish buildings. (CC)	Dangerous Dogs "Demolition Squad" Experts use explosives to demolish buildings. (CC)
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26	BET	101: Park. BET's Top 10 Live P. Diddy.	BET Style	The Parkers (CC)	Girlfriends (CC)	Walk of Fame: Smokey Robinson	BET honors Motown legend Smokey Robinson. (N) (CC)	BET Nightly News	Speak Now Special Part 3 (N) (CC)	Speak Now Special Part 3 (N) (CC)	Speak Now Special Part 3 (N) (CC)	Speak Now Special Part 3 (N) (CC)
27	COURT	NYPD Blue "Raphael's Inferno" Spence and Sorenson try to narrow the list of suspects in a girl's death. (CC)	Cops High-speed and cops' faces and dispatches. (CC)	The Investigators "Dark Secrets" A cross-dressing girl eludes authorities. (CC)	Forensic Files "North Miami Red Hatters find a killer. (CC)	Forensic Files "North Miami Red Hatters find a killer. (CC)	Forensic Files "North Miami Red Hatters find a killer. (CC)	Forensic Files "North Miami Red Hatters find a killer. (CC)	Forensic Files "North Miami Red Hatters find a killer. (CC)	Forensic Files "North Miami Red Hatters find a killer. (CC)	Forensic Files "North Miami Red Hatters find a killer. (CC)	Forensic Files "North Miami Red Hatters find a killer. (CC)
28	STR-WL	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Friends (CC)	John Doe (CC)	The Apprentice (CC)	U2: Undercover (CC)	Friends (CC)	John Doe (CC)	John Doe (CC)	John Doe (CC)	John Doe (CC)
29	LIFE	The Golden Girls "Blanche's date has young fancies. (CC)	The Golden Girls "Blanche's date has young fancies. (CC)	Stolen From Her Heart (2000, Drama) Zane. A desperate fire starts a woman's ugly baby. (CC)	Smashville "Reaper" Clark must save a kidnapped child from who turns evil. (CC)	•(5:00) • "Know What You Did Last Summer" (1997, Horror) Jennifer Love Hewitt, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe. Teens are terrorized by a psychopath in a summer camp. (CC)	Wild West "Cowboy Tech" Cowboy skills, historic cowboys. (CC)	How They Won With Mo Rocca (N) (CC)	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disaster" 11 Sinkholes: use of asbestos; Yangtze River flood. (N) (CC)	•(5:00) • "Know What You Did Last Summer" (1997, Horror) Jennifer Love Hewitt, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe. Teens are terrorized by a psychopath in a summer camp. (CC)	Wild West "Cowboy Tech" Cowboy skills, historic cowboys. (CC)	How They Won With Mo Rocca (N) (CC)
30	HIST	The Wrath of God "Fire in the Hole" Mining Disaster: Major mining disasters from around the world. (CC)	Julie "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Julie "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Julie "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Julie "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Julie "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Julie "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Julie "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Julie "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Julie "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Julie "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)
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32	ADV 1	(5:30) Flight Over Africa	Fantastic Voyage	•Spirit of the Seas: Miami	Bhutan Kayaking 1	Budget Travel	Total Adventure	Total Adventure	Flight Over Africa	Flight Over Africa	Flight Over Africa	Flight Over Africa
33	MTV	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Veronica Mars (CC)	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County	The Real World: The Real World	The Real World: The Real World	Real World: The Real World	Real World: The Real World	Real World: The Real World	Real World: The Real World
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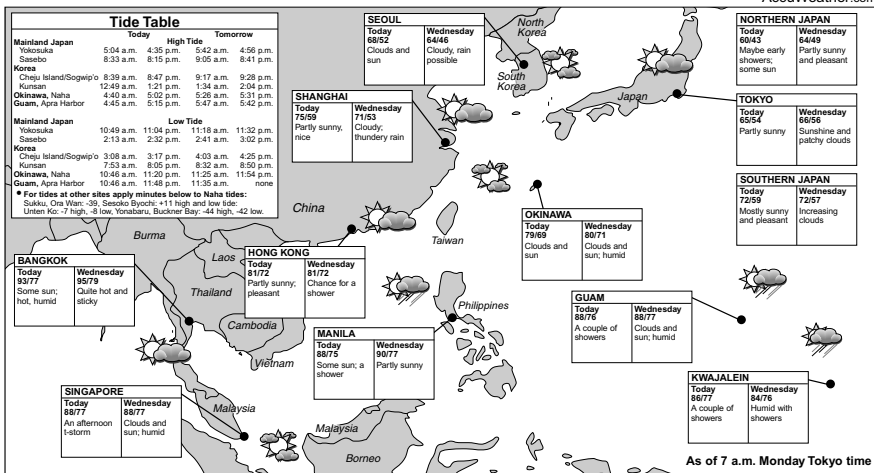
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The Pacific Forecast



As of 7 a.m. Monday Tokyo time

Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 68, low 59.
 Friday: Showers, high 72, low 55.

KADENA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 83, low 73.
 Friday: Clouds and sunshine, high 82, low 73.

SEOUL

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 90, low 37.
 Friday: Clouds and sunshine, high 53, low 34.

MANILA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 90, low 77.
 Friday: Clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 77.

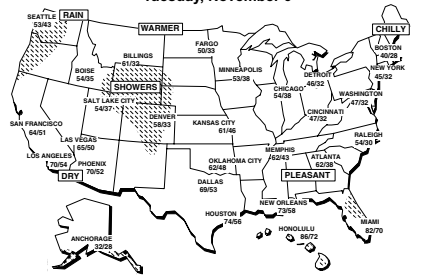
HAGATNA

Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 78.
 Friday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 78.

Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	67/45	Los Angeles	66/54
Amarillo	73/42	Little Rock	82/48
Anchorage	26/16	Louisville	71/43
Asheville	72/42	Miami	83/67
Baltimore	72/42	Milwaukee	54/31
Birmingham	76/48	Nashville	73/43
Bismarck	45/23	New York	66/46
Boise	55/35	Omaha	61/35
Boston	64/42	Orlando	80/56
Brownsville	87/60	Philadelphia	71/45
Buffalo	57/34	Phoenix	76/60
Burlington	56/34	Pittsburgh	67/38
Charleston, SC	76/52	Portland, OR	54/41
Charlotte	73/48	Portland, ME	56/37
Chicago	61/34	Salt Lake City	58/40
Columbus, OH	67/34	St. Louis	71/38
Duluth	43/17	San Antonio	80/51
El Paso	77/49	San Diego	68/56
Hartford	69/40	San Juan	88/74
Helena	54/26	Tampa	80/54
Indianapolis	64/32	Tucson	77/46
Jacksonville	78/49	Washington	72/44
Kansas City	67/38	Wichita	76/42

Tuesday, November 9



U.S. Extended Forecast

Another storm system will bring some rain to coastal areas of the Pacific Northwest and northern California Tuesday. Some showers will develop over the central Rocky Mountains with snow showers in the higher elevations. A cold front will bring a shower or thunderstorm to parts of northern and central Florida. The rest of the country will have to partly to mostly sunny skies thanks to a large area of high pressure. Rain will fall across the northern and central Great Plains Wednesday as a storm system continues to move eastward. Parts of the southern Great Plains may receive a shower or thunderstorm as this storm passes by to the north. Showers will move into the Midwest and the Gulf Coast states Thursday.

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/77	Seoul	72/57
Beijing	57/37	Sapporo	60/43
Camp Casey	68/48	Seoul	68/52
Christchurch	68/49	Shanghai	75/59
Diego Garcia	88/75	Singapore	88/77
Hagatna	88/76	Sydney	66/45
Hanoi	86/72	Taegu	71/53
Hong Kong	91/72	Taipei	81/67
Honolulu	86/72	Tokyo	65/54

Tuesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	93/74	Budapest	49/34	Kabul	80/53
Athens	65/52	Buenos Aires	76/56	Kiev	88/57
Auckland	67/54	Cairo	89/62	Kuwait	46/32
Baghdad	78/50	Cancun	78/66	London	40/26
Barbados	86/71	Cape Town	77/56	Madrid	59/41
Barcelona	57/44	Geneva	37/24	Mexico City	71/47
Berlin	41/37	Istanbul	67/51	Montreal	35/23
Bermuda	75/59	Jerusalem	73/57	Mogadishu	86/73
Brussels	42/28	Johnsborough	50/62	Moscow	42/33



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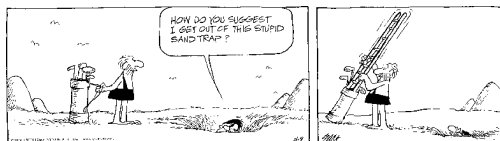
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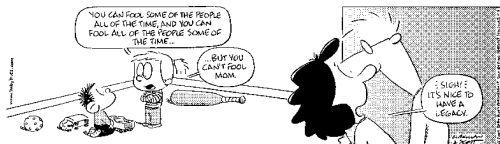
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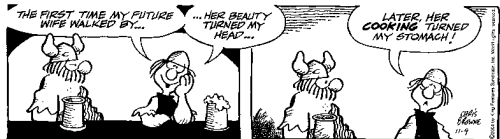
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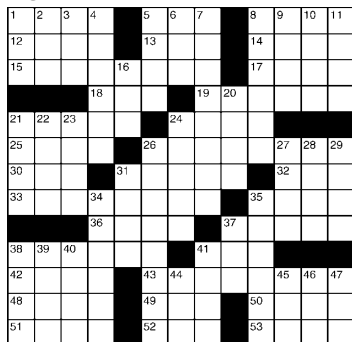
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 5 Stern disciplinarian?

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- 13 La-la precursor
- 14 Relaxed
- 15 Potential precedent
- 17 Respond to yeast
- 18 Silent
- 19 They're part of the act
- 21 Utterly finished
- 24 Len's prominence
- 25 Tennessee's state flower
- 26 Valse
- 30 Draw
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- 32 Von maiden
- 33 Tough person
- 35 Fiery stone
- 36 Decline
- 37 Overly aggressive
- 38 Play goalie
- 41 Fashionable, and then some
- 42 Satan's specialty
- 43 Display cabinet
- 48 Honeycomb compartment
- 49 Lubricant
- 50 Tom Clancy hero Jack
- 51 Mined-over matter
- 52 Bond, e.g.
- 53 Safe-cracker
- 22 Met melody
- 23 Harbor structure
- 24 Talk a blue streak?
- 26 Unspecified people
- 27 Snakes
- 28 Persian bigwig
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- 31 Read bar codes
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- 44 With it
- 45 Sailor's assent
- 46 Succumb to gravity
- 47 Chang's brother

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A KANGAROO BECOMES ILL, I THINK THE PROBLEM WILL BE LEAPING SICKNESS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals T

Scholarly royals

WA SEATTLE — There's no more homecoming king and queen at the University of Washington, just royals.

The student group that organizes the annual campus festival has decided that gender should not play a role in the honor.

The pair being presented are Emi Nomura Sumida, 20, of Seattle, and Gloria Cho, 19, of Bainbridge Island, who got the top scores in a scholarship contest.

The two women had not met before they were crowned at a private reception.

The Associated Students of the University of Washington broke from tradition last year in awarding the two \$1,000 scholarships funded by the school's alumni association, but no one noticed because they went to a man and a woman.

Girl left with slain mom

NY NEW YORK — A 2-year-old girl survived four days in a parked sport utility vehicle with the body of her slain mother, police said.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said authorities were investigating the apparent mishandling of 911 calls that could have led to the rescue of Rosie Batista a day earlier.

The little girl, who had been strapped into a child's seat, was uninjured for dehydration and was in stable condition.

Leonardo Almonte, 32, was arrested on murder, kidnapping and reckless endangerment charges.

Investigators say they believe Almonte killed Casandra Colon by throwing her to the floor and choking her during an argument at their Queens home. He allegedly dumped her body in the passenger seat of a SUV, placed the child in the back seat and drove to a remote street about a mile away.

Mentally unfit ruling

CA SANTA BARBARA — A judge ruled that the man accused of being the Highway 101 sniper is mentally unfit to stand trial.

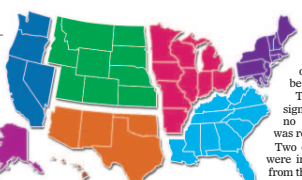
Keith Tomlinson, 36, was ordered to a state mental hospital until he's deemed competent to face seven counts of attempted murder and 12 counts of assault with a deadly weapon. Tomlinson allegedly fired at trucks and hurled big rocks at passing vehicles on five days in December 2003 and March 2004.

Police: Fake money used

WI WEST BEND — Four teens used funny money for fast food, taxis and other purchases before they were caught and charged with forgery for printing the fake funds on a home computer, police said.

Police Sgt. Gus Unertl said three 14-year-old boys and a 15-year-old boy were caught after some merchants noticed the \$5 bills were fake.

Unertl said authorities filed state charges of forgery instead of seeking federal counterfeiting charges because of the suspects' ages and because of the small denomination of the bills.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Washington County juvenile authorities will recommend whether the boys will face a delinquency hearing. The four have been released to custody of their parents.

Man charged with con

MA SPRINGFIELD — A man accused of conning Springfield women with promises to help them get funding for community projects pleaded innocent and was ordered held on \$50,000 bail.

In one alleged scam, Richard W. Duff approached Sheila Shepard, whose twin sons were gunned down in street violence this summer, saying he could win her more than \$1 million in grant funding to start a youth center dedicated to her sons if she paid him \$850.

Shepard and others spoke about the alleged scam at a news conference following Duff's arraignment in Springfield District Court, where he pleaded innocent to two counts of larceny over \$250 and one count each of larceny of less than \$250 and larceny by false pretenses.

His lawyer, Scott Skolnick, said Duff denies any wrongdoing and was paid for writing grant applications.

Ship collision

TX GALVESTON — A 355-foot freighter with a crew of 16 Russians slammed into an unmanned natural gas platform about 17 miles off the Coast of

Galveston in the Gulf of Mexico, the Coast Guard said.

A fire that broke out on the platform could be seen from shore. The platform sustained significant damage, but no injuries or pollution was reported.

Two offshore supply boats were in the area and crews from those vessels were able to put out the flames on the lower decks of the platform, owned by Houston-based EOG Resources Inc., the Coast Guard said.

The ship, the SCM Athina, has superstructure damage and scrapes to its hull. It was directed to an anchorage where authorities were interviewing the crew.

Sex assault charges

NH CONCORD — A former juvenile probation officer for the state faces five separate trials on charges he sexually assaulted the same 10-year-old girl five times.

Rodney Martinez, 47, of Laconia was indicted by a Belknap County grand jury earlier this year on three counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault and two counts of felonious sexual assault.

According to court records, he molested the girl when she came over to take care of and play with Martinez's own children. A year ago, Martinez's wife came home early and found her husband and the girl on the bed in her bedroom. She told the girl's mother, who contacted police.

The girl told authorities Martinez had lured her into the bedroom and touched her sexually several times between January 2002 and October 2003 — three times on her genitals and twice on her breasts.

Crevasse rescue

OR GOVERNMENT CAMP — Two climbers on Mount Hood fell into a crevasse, killing one and injuring the other, authorities said.

The surviving climber, who suffered a broken arm and broken ribs, used a cell phone to call for help, and rescuers hiked to the crevasse near Sandy Glacier, said Detective Jim Strivins, spokesman for the Clackamas County sheriff's office.

Later a National Guard helicopter lowered a medical team to the 8,500-foot level of Mount Hood where they treated the surviving climber, Shaun Olcott, 37, before taking him to a Portland hospital. He was listed in stable condition.

The other climber, Kenny Kaskeler, 37, suffered head and back injuries and died at the scene.

State tuition hike

CT HARTFORD — Trustees for the Connecticut State University system approved tuition and fee increases of nearly 6 percent for next fall. The proposal raises the annual cost of attending one of the four branches of Connecticut State University by \$324 for an in-state student. CSU officials said that in addition to expanding some programs, the increased funding would also be used at all four campuses to cover higher utility, library and labor costs.



Protective mom

A 6-month-old male Sumatran tiger cub rests under his mother Soyono's careful watch at the National Zoo in Washington.



And the band plays on ...

The East Tennessee University band performs during homecoming festivities at the amphitheater in Johnson City, Tenn.



Sea of colors

A maple tree provides a brilliant backdrop as Jose Alvarez clears leaves in Vacaville, Calif.



Line maintenance

Atlantic City, N.J.

Road and Signage crew member Michael Taylor paints over a crosswalk in



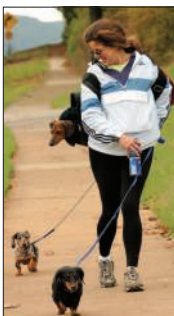
Serene bike ride

A lone biker makes his way up Monument Road in the Colorado National Monument near Grand Junction, Colo.



Shooting at the sky

Central Junior High photography student Amelia Firms-Hubert aims her camera lens skyward in Lawrence, Kan.



Time for walkies

Mary Romer of Huntsville, Ala., walks three dachshunds, Von Braun (in backpack), Patches and Smokey, in Huntsville, Ala.



Mouthwatering billboard

Workers use a lift to put up a railing for a billboard display over an advertisement for glazed donuts in Cincinnati.

Contractor gets 1 year

RI PROVIDENCE — A Smithfield contractor has been sentenced to a year in prison for scamming households out of money for work he never performed.

Albert Steven Perreault, 38, had been accused of scamming several households in Rhode Island and Massachusetts out of thousands of dollars. One project involved a \$10,000 dollar job at an apartment building in Providence's Silver Lake neighborhood.

Perreault got a contractor's license in 1993, and created his business, Total Roofing and Home Improvement. In October 2000, the contractors' license board suspended Perreault's license after it received numerous complaints from homeowners. Perreault ignored the suspension and continued to seek work under his company's name. In September, the board formally revoked his license.

A month later, Perreault turned himself in to the police in Raynham, Mass., where he was wanted on a felony charge of larceny by false pretenses.

Beach reconstruction

AL ORANGE BEACH — Contractors were announced for a \$24.2 million project to pump sand washed offshore back onto Alabama's beaches and restore coastal grasses lost during Hurricane Ivan.

Starting in January, crews from New Orleans-based Bean-Stuyvesant LLC will work to extend the beach about 200 feet. The project is planned to start at Perdido Key on the Florida border and move west. Gulf Shores Public Works Director Chuck Hamilton said the last stretch of West Beach could be renourished by Aug. 2005.

Judge loses twice

IL SPRINGFIELD — Election Day was doubly unkind to Judge Gordon Maag. The Democrat lost a race for the Supreme Court to Republican Lloyd Karmeier. Maag also lost a bid to keep his current seat on the 5th District Appellate Court in Southern Illinois, to which he was elected in 1994. The state Constitution requires Supreme Court and appellate court justices to run for retention every 10 years.

Indictment on fake sodas

PA PITTSBURGH — An unknown number of restaurants unwittingly took part in a bogus Coca-Cola taste test, according to a federal grand jury indictment.

The indictment accuses a now-defunct distributor of shipping soft drinks to restaurants throughout southwest Pennsylvania with bogus labels promising Coca-Cola, Coke, Coca-Cola Classic, Cherry Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and Ramblin Root Beer.

Joseph Stefanic Jr., 50, pleaded not guilty to trademark infringement, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$2 million fine.

New city approved

OR DAMASCUS — Oregon gained a new city on Election Day.

In Clatsop County, 3,000 residents voted to incorporate Dam-

ascus and approved a five-member city council that will choose a mayor.

It's the state's first new city since Ketter in 1982.

Community crimefighters

MA BOSTON — Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police officials said crimes decreased this year from January to September due to strong community and multiagency involvement. The MBTA recorded only two assaults in the transit system involving guns, compared to seven in 2003, and knifepoint robberies dropped from 42 in 2003 to 17. Police arrested 11 students through September of this year, compared with 16 in the same period in 2003.

Down with amphitheater

IN INDIANAPOLIS — A Butler University campus amphitheater will be torn down to make way for new student housing and a fitness center, school officials said. The 4,000-seat Hilton U. Brown Theatre attracted performers such as Liza Minnelli, Liberace and Jack Benny over nearly 40 years. The new housing will include several apartment-style buildings with space for 500 students. The project is expected to be done in August 2006.

Perfect match

NJ TRENTON — A 29-year-old woman whose desperate search for a bone marrow transplant led to a nationwide campaign to recruit more donors of South Asian descent has found a perfect match.

Pia Awal, who has leukemia, initially was told the odds of obtaining a lifesaving transplant were slim. Her best chance was from another person of South Asian descent, among the most underrepresented groups in the nation's bone marrow registry.

Family members and other loved ones built a Web site and helped get 12,442 more people tested in just 14 weeks.

Now a donor in Britain has been identified, and Awal, whose family immigrated from India, is expected to undergo the transplant later this month in Seattle.

Memorial dedication

NM WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE — Former Iraqi prisoners of war Jessica Lynch and Joseph Hudson helped dedicate an oak tree in honor of Army Spc. Lori Ann Piastewa, who was killed in Iraq last year.

The tree and a plaque in Piastewa's honor are located outside a three-story barracks at White Sands.

Piastewa, 23, died after her convoy took a wrong turn and was ambushed near Nasiriyah in March 2003. Other members of 507th Maintenance Company from Fort Bliss, Texas, including Lynch and Hudson, from nearby Alamogordo, were taken prisoner.

Piastewa, a member of the Hopi Tribe who lived in Tuba City, Ariz., on the Navajo Nation, was the first woman killed in the war and is believed to be the first American Indian woman killed in combat fighting for the U.S. military. She had two children.

Stories and photos from wire services

OPINION

No chads? Election '04 sure left us hanging

BY PETER CARLSON
The Washington Post

What? It's over? Al- ready? That's no fun. What about the re- counts? What about the lawsuits? Where are the dueling protesters, the dueling pundits, the dueling courts issuing dueling rulings? After 18 months of fevered campaigning, it's all over in one lousy day — well, maybe a lousy day and a half. It's so retro, so 20th century. Come, candi- dates, this is a new millennium and voters were spoiled by the election of 2000, when the excitement — or whatever you call it — continued for 36 fun-filled days.

Ah, those were the days — and days and days and days.

Absolutely nothing is happen- ing. But back in 2000, the fun was just getting up and around. You remember it: Al Gore had conceded defeat, then unconvicted, telling George Bush, "Don't get snippy!" A mob of angry old people — many hobbling on canes or in wheelchairs — clogged the streets of downtown West Palm Beach to protest the infamous "butterfly bal- lot," which was so confusing it caused elderly liberals to vote for Pat Buchanan by accident.

Ah, the butterfly ballot! It brings back memories, doesn't it? Remember how Florida was invaded by SWAT teams of pit-bull lawyers, each led by a former secretary of state — Jim Baker for the Republi- cans, Warren Christopher for the Democrats? Dueling secretaries of state — now that's entertainment! Remember the wonderful scenes of electors, all of them holding bal- lots up to the light, going cross-eyed as they looked for chads in all their in- finite varieties: hanging chads, swinging chads, bent chads and pregnant chads? Remember the big banana-yellow Ryder truck that carried Palm Beach County's ballots 45 miles to a court in Tal- lahassie, accompanied by a police es- cort and news helicopters that showed its progress live to cable news junkies nationwide? Driver Tony Enos stopped at a rest area near Disney World and was be- lying by TV reporters who filmed him drinking orange juice and say- ing, "The ballots seem to be riding fine back there."

It was, without a doubt, the most exciting vehicle-on-highway tour since O.J.'s white Bronco.

Speaking of entertainment, re- member all those great editorial cartoons and those Internet jokes

showing ballots where every line ended up pointing to "George W. Bush"? ...

Remember Katherine Harris, who served simultaneously as Flori- da's top election official and co-chairman of the Bush campaign in the state? Remember all the jokes about her makeup? She caused Democrats to froth at the mouth and babble uncontrollably, with former Clinton aide Paul Be- gala calling her a "dilettante debutante Republican hack" and lawyer Alan Dershowitz calling her "a crook and an operative."

Then there was the Miami-Dade election board, which voted not to conduct a recount, then voted to conduct a recount, then voted to stop the recount in the middle? Hol- lywood's best writers couldn't make that stuff up.

And the angry mob that poun- ded on the walls outside the room where the Miami-Dade election of- fices were conducting their re- count, screaming "Stop the count. Stop the fraud!" They looked like garden-variety thugs, but they turned out to be hotshot Republi- can Hill staffers.

"This is more exciting than any sporting event," a spectator at a 12-hour-long meeting of the Palm



Beach election board told The Washington Post. "This is better than a subway Series."

He was right, of course. Boy, those days were fun! But this year ... pffft! This post-election is a total bust ...

The guy who came in second simply quits, explaining that be- cause he got fewer votes he lost. Sure, that may be technically true, but where's the fun in that? When you think about what could have been, you weep. Ten days of back- eye bureaucrats counting more

than 100,000 Ohio provisional bal- lots, as the world watches. Law- yers swarming into the state, suing and countering. Protesters screaming at one another in the streets.

Pundits screaming at one another on TV ...

But, alas, it's not to be ... And now political junkies are going through cold turkey, waiting for the 2008 campaign to begin, which probably won't happen for it, at least two weeks. Darker it is, just not right.

Peter Carlson is a Post reporter.

'Last Letters Home' painful (but important) to see

BY ERIC MINK
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Bullets and bombs favor no candi- date, no political party. Land mines, tank shells, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, nationality, ethnic origin or social status. Order men and women to war, and some will die.

Through Oct. 31, 1,123 U.S. military personnel have died in Iraq. By Jan. 20, the number will be higher, when George W. Bush stands on the steps of the U.S. Capitol swearing to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution as president and commander in chief. More will die before his next four-year term expires.

When an American servicemember dies in Iraq, the nation is informed, a community takes note and pays respect, and a circle of family and friends grieves. For those outside the circle, it is possible to mark the fatality as a tick of a running tally, an inevitable albeit regrettable consequence of armed conflict. Inside the circle, though, nothing is ab- stract: Notification — the knock on the door — hits people like a fist to the chest. Be- lieved survivors ache with loss as if suf- fused with infection and fever. Conscious- ness short-circuits. Perceptions shift.

Assumptions vaporize. What does such anguish look like, sound like, feel like? Ten families who have lost sons and daughters in Iraq allowed writer-di- rector Bill Couturie within their private cir- cles so he could honor their loved ones by telling just a sliver of their stories.

Couturie's one-hour film, "Last Letters Home: Voices of American Troops from the Battlefields of Iraq," premieres on Veterans Day on HBO in the States. HBO is allowing cable systems to unscramble the program for all customers, not just HBO subscribers. "Last Letters Home," delicately fashioned around readings by family members of let- ters they received from Iraq, is quiet, honest and heartbreaking. Notwithstanding the

ubiquitous Internet, many of the letters were handwritten — transformed by death into artifacts bearing the precious personal marks of their writers. Most teemed with chatty banter about service life, sweet mes- sages for those back home and requests for care packages. A few conveyed ominous pre- monitions.

Some arrived like ghosts — after the fami- ly had learned of the soldier's fate.

The documentary (Life Books has issued a companion hardback volume) took shape after The New York Times began publishing excerpts of letters sent home by troops who died in Iraq. But the film — which blends re- latives' on-camera readings and recollec- tions and unspoken sadness with still photo- graphs and composer Todd Boeckelheim's poignant score — is far more powerful.

Through each of the 10 segments, a dis- tinctive individual comes into focus. Pfc. Ra- heen Heigher pays tribute to his mom. Spc. Michelle Winter bubbles about her prom- tion and asks her mom and dad to pray for her. Sgt. Frank Carvill cautions his young nephews to "watch out for cars" when

they're riding their bikes; his sister says he turned back into a kid when he played with the boys. Spc. Robert Allen Wise offers a very reference to "The Wizard of Oz," say- ing he clicked his heels three times but still didn't get home.

The film closes with the story of Pfc. Jesse A. Givens, who sensed he would not return and wrote a letter to be sent only if he died. The letter asks his wife, Melissa, to "please find it in your heart to forgive me for leaving you alone." He urges his unborn son, Carson, to "please be proud of me, and please don't stop loving life." Melissa calls the let- ter "the hardest and the best thing I ever read." She received it four weeks after learn- ing Jesse had died — when she arrived home from the hospital after giving birth to Carson.

"Last Letters Home" is scrupulously free of overt politics. If these mothers, fathers, sisters, wives and girlfriends expressed any anger at their government when Couturie filmed them, he left it out.

What they convey instead is palpable sor- row for the beloved souls taken from them

and for the loss of the now-impossible dreams they shared.

That doesn't mean, though, that the film lacks political implications. Givens, for ex- ample, drowned when a bank of the Euphrates River gave way and his M-1 tank slid beneath its waters. It was May 1, 2003 — the day President Bush stood on an aircraft car- rier off the coast of San Diego and declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended.

The essential truth of "Last Letters Home" is that the war in Iraq, like all wars, has a cost. It is a cost not calculated in bud- gets and materiel, in alliances made or broken, in sovereignty transferred, police forces trained or infrastructure reconstructed. It is measured, rather, in the deaths of distinct human beings one by one, in the fracturing of families, in the unknowable loss of what- ever these individuals might have done with the lives taken from them.

The solemn responsibility of the presi- dent, whoever he is, is to decide whether these costs are worth it.

Eric Mink is a commentary editor for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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Goosen catches Tiger, wins Tour Championship

Woods concludes forgettable season by giving up four-shot lead in final round

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — A clutch shot and flawless performance by U.S. Open champion Tiger Woods.

A rare collapse by Tiger Woods.

In a fitting end to the PGA Tour season, the unflappable Goosen closed with a 6-under 64 to win the Tour Championship by four shots and become only the third player to overtake Woods in the final round.

Goosen made up a four-shot deficit on the front nine at East Lake, took the outright lead with a 35-foot birdie putt on the 13th and ended all the suspense with the best shot of the tournament.

From 195 yards in the rough, he hit a 5-iron into 3 feet for the only birdie of the day on the 481-yard 16th hole.

"I wasn't trying to hit it dead at the flag, just a touch left," Goosen said. "But those things happen."

Losing a 54-hole lead almost

never happens to Woods, although this has been a year like no other for him.

He lost a 36-hole lead in consecutive weeks in May for the first time in five years. And now he ends the season with only one victory, matching his lowest output in nine years on tour. He also won only once in 1998.

Woods' only victory this year was the Match Play Championship in late February, and he now has gone 20 stroke-play tournaments without winning, the longest drought of his career.

"Very disappointing," Woods said. "I felt like I had a golden opportunity to win a tournament."

It was only the third time that Woods has failed to protect a 54-hole lead. Ed Fiori beat him in the 1996 Quad City Classic, and Phil Mickelson beat him at East Lake in the 2000 Tour Championship.

Goosen finished in the group behind Goosen and simply couldn't keep up.

Golf roundup

Two shots behind when he got to the 16th, Woods three-putted for bogey from about 25 feet and then hit into two bunkers to take another bogey on the 17th. He closed with a 72 and finished second.

Jay Haas, at 50 the oldest player ever in the Tour Championship, was tied with Woods going into the final round but struggled with his putter and fell apart down the stretch. He closed with a 75.

Goosen finished the year with multiple victories for the first time on the PGA Tour. He was at 11-under 269 and earned \$1.08 million.

"It was a great round," Goosen said. "I'm surprised to win four strokes."

Goosen won the U.S. Open in

June, stealing the thunder from Mickelson when Lefty took a double bogey from the bunker on the 71st hole at Shinnecock Hills.

This time, the Goosen didn't need anyone to make a mistake on the back nine.

"I looked up at the leader board, Goosen is making birdie after birdie. I was like, 'Where are you going, bro?' " Woods said. "He played well. I just wish I could have played a little better."

Sorenstam dominates in Mizuno Classic victory

OTSU, Japan — Annika Sorenstam matched Laura Davies' LPGA Tour record for consecutive victories in a tournament Sunday, closing with a 7-under 65 for her fourth straight Mizuno Classic title.

Sorenstam won her seventh LPGA Tour title of the year and 55th overall, finishing at 22-under 194 for a nine-stroke victory over

three players. She tied the record for consecutive victories in an event set by Davies in the 1994-97 Standard Register Pin.

After opening with a 63 and shooting a 66 Saturday to take a four-stroke lead into the final round, Sorenstam opened an eight-shot advantage with an eagle and three birdies in a four-hole stretch on the front nine.

Japan's Ai Miyazato and Michie Ohba shot 63s to tie for second with South Korea's Grace Park (67) at 13 under.

Pavin third in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam — Former U.S. Open champion Corey Pavin finished third Sunday in the inaugural Vietnam Masters, which was won by Angela Park of the Philippines.

Que shot a 2-under-par 70 for a two-stroke victory.

Pavin, who closed with a 70, birdied the third, fifth and seventh holes but was slowed by a bogey on the 13th.

Britain's Radcliffe captures closest-ever NYC Marathon

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maybe this will make up for Olympic heartbreak.

Britain's Paula Radcliffe surged ahead in the final feet Sunday to win the tightest New York City Marathon in history in 2 hours, 23 minutes, 10 seconds — less than three months after pulling out of the Athens Games just a few miles from the finish in a fit of tears.

Radcliffe edged Kenya's Susan Chepkemei by 4 seconds to become the race's first non-Kenyan women's champion since 2000. She raised her arms in triumph

after crossing the line and wrapped herself in the Union Jack flag.

No crying this time around.

The previous record for closest women's finish in New York was 5 seconds, Wanda Panfil's margin over Kim Jones in 1990.

"I was reasonably confident I could overtake her," Radcliffe said.

The men's race wasn't nearly as thrilling, with Hendrik Ramaala of South Africa winning in 2:09:28 for his first marathon victory.

Olympic silver medalist Meb Keflezighi of the United States was next across, 25 seconds behind.

Major leagues go deep, beat Japan

TOKYO — The Japanese won the pre-game home run derby. Then the game started and the major league All-Stars put their bats to work.

Back-to-back home runs by Moises Alou and Vernon Wells in the fourth inning and by Johnny Estrada and Brad Wilkerson in the ninth powered the major leagues past the Japanese stars 7-3 Sunday for a 3-0 lead in the eight-game series.

Wells went 3-for-4 and had a two-run double to put his team up 5-3 in the eighth.

The game marked the return to Japan of Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Kazuhisa Ishii, who last pitched in the country in 2001. Japan Series for the Yakult Swallows. Ishii started and went five innings, allowing five hits and one earned run while striking out two.



Meb Keflezighi wears the American flag after finishing second in the New York City Marathon on Sunday. Keflezighi finished 25 second behind South Africa's Hendrik Ramaala.

"It felt strange pitching against [Atsuya Furuta]," said Ishii, referring to his former batterymate with the Swallows. "I couldn't even look him straight in the face."

St. Louis Cardinals reliever Ray King worked two-thirds of an inning for the win.

United win shootout, reach MLS Cup

WASHINGTON — Nick Rimando stopped Clint Baskin's shootout kick, and D.C. United rode Brian Carroll's successful boot moments earlier to a 4-3 victory Saturday over the New England Revolution and advanced to the MLS Cup.

It was the first Major League Soccer game ever decided by penalty kicks.

Eastern Conference champion United will play Western Conference winner Kan-

sas City for the title on Nov. 14 in Carson, Calif.

The teams were tied at 3 after 90 minutes of regulation and two 15-minute sudden-death overtimes, forcing the game to alternating penalty kicks.

The teams were tied at three kicks apiece after five shootouts.

D.C.'s sixth shooter, Carroll dove a shot high and to the left, out of the reach of Revolution goalkeeper Matt Reis.

Rimando then saved Dempsey's try to preserve the win.

Tsuyu Kōs Mitchell to retain IBF title

GLENDAL, Ariz. — IBF junior welterweight champion Kostya Tsuyu retained his title Saturday night, demolishing

Sharniba Mitchell in less than three rounds of the long-awaited rematch between the former titleholders.

Tsuyu (31-1) knocked Mitchell down four times — three in the third round.

The last time, the relentless nature of a Russian steel-mill city dropped Mitchell to his knees with two combinations, then hit him with two right hands, two lefts and a right before referee Raul Caiz stepped in at the 2:48 mark.

Tsuyu was credited with a seven-round technical knockout of Mitchell (55-4) where they fought on Feb. 3, 2001. But that was because Mitchell had to retire after reinjuring his left knee.

This time, Tsuyu, a former champion of all three major divisions, left no question about his supremacy at 140 pounds, getting his 25th knockout and improving to 15-1 in world championship bouts.

Safin captures third Paris Masters

PARIS — Marat Safin overpowered Radek Stepanek 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3 with the help of 16 aces Sunday to win his record-tying third Paris Masters title.

Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion, claimed his 14th career championship, Stepanek was appearing in his first ATP Tour final.

Safin also won the Paris Masters in 2000 and 2002, and lost to Andre Agassi in the 1999 final.

Thrashers' Healey hit in eye

BERN, Switzerland — Atlanta Thrashers star Dany Healey was hit in the eye with a puck during a Swiss league game and could be sidelined six weeks after facial surgery.

He was diagnosed Sunday with severe bruising and internal bleeding in the eye, his club said on its Web site. He will be operated on in a few days for a broken orbital bone behind the eye.

Healey will miss in hospital for at least a week, the team added.

Club doctor Martin Schaefer was confident Healey would regain full vision in the eye. Healey is playing for SC Bern during the NHL lockout. It was not immediately known which eye he had been injured. All players in the Swiss league are required to wear visors.



Clemson tailback Reggie Merriweather (37) scores the winning touchdown in overtime Saturday night in Miami as he slides past Miami DB Anthony Reddick (26) and LB Leon Williams (44). Clemson won 24-17.

No. 11 Hurricanes' BCS chances take another hit in overtime loss

Clemson rallies, hands Miami second straight defeat

BY TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Reggie Merriweather and the Clemson Tigers probably aren't heading to a Bowl Championship Series game this season. They might have ensured Miami isn't headed to one, either.

Merriweather ran for a career-high 114 yards and three second-half touchdowns, including a 2-yard score in overtime Saturday night to cap Clemson's 24-17 comeback victory over No. 11 Miami. The Tigers trailed 17-3 at halftime, but dominated the second half and sent the reeling Hurricanes to a second straight loss.

"He was essential," quarterback Charlie Whitehurst said.

"When we needed a play, we went to him. He stepped up and met the challenge."

Whitehurst completed 21 of 37 passes for 258 yards for Clemson (5-4, 4-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), which has won four straight for the first time in four seasons.

Frank Gore had 105 yards and two touchdowns for Miami, which also lost on the game's final play a week ago at North Carolina.

The loss knocked the Hurricanes (6-2, 3-2) out of first place in the ACC, leaving them a game behind Virginia and Virginia Tech in the race for the league title and automatic BCS berth. Miami visits Virginia next week, and hosts Virginia Tech on Dec. 4 in the regular-season finale.

"This loss will really test us," Hurricanes coach Larry Coker said. "We haven't lost a lot, and now we've lost back-to-back games. It's extremely disappointing."

Clemson needed five plays to score in the extra session, with the Tigers benefiting from a pass-interference penalty against cornerback Kelly Jennings. That moved Clemson to the 10, and Merriweather scored three plays later to cap the Tigers' rally from a 17-3 halftime deficit.

On its overtime possession, Miami moved to the Clemson 5, but three straight incompletions by Brock Berlin sealed the Hurricanes' second straight loss.

Berlin's final attempt was intended for Lance Leggett in the corner of the end zone, but Clemson's Tyre Hill had him well-covered and the ball bounced away.

Miami begged officials to call pass interference, no flag came.

"If it's not called, then it's not pass interference," Coker said.

Clemson outgained Miami 215-104 after halftime, sparking the comeback.

"In the second half you have to score points and make plays," said Miami quarterback Brock Berlin, who was 22-for-46 for 245 yards.

The victory marked the first for the Bowden clan against Coker; Clemson coach Tommy Bowden is the son of Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, who is 0-5 against Coker.

"We just didn't quit," Tommy

Bowden said. "We shut them down in the second half completely. ... It goes down to kids not quitting and playing hard."

Miami led 17-3 at halftime and appeared to be cruising. The Hurricanes allowed Clemson only six first downs and 156 yards in the first two quarters, but Clemson seized momentum quickly after Miami missed an opportunity to build a three-touchdown lead.

Devin Hester — who started at tailback and cornerback, plus took his usual roles as kickoff returner, punt returner and on the kick coverage team — dropped an interception at midfield. Had he caught what would have been his second pick of the game, he would likely have scored; no one stood between him and the end zone.

Clemson knew it caught a break, and quickly capitalized.

Whitehurst connected with Airseed Currie for a 37-yard gain on the next play. And on the successful play, Merriweather burst past the Miami line, broke two tackles in the secondary and rumbled in for a 27-yard touchdown that cut Miami's lead to 17-10.

Following two more stalled Miami drives, Clemson used a little trickery to tie the game.

Facing a fourth-and-2 from the Miami 9, Bowden went for a fake field goal and elected to call upon kicker Jai Dean to run for a first down. Dean caught a flip from holder Cole Chason, got to the Miami 3 and Merriweather scored on the next play to tie the game.

Benson scores 5 TDs as No. 6 Texas rallies

BY JIM VERTUONO
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — It must have sounded like a bad joke.

Thoroughly dominated in the first half, Texas coach Mack Brown made a big promise to his team: They would win.

Only this was no joke and no false optimism as coach might use to just to get his team back on the field in a blowout. It was real.

Cedric Benson scored five touchdowns Saturday night and No. 6 Texas rallied from a 35-7 first-half deficit to beat No. 19 Oklahoma State 56-35.

The Longhorns trailed 35-14 at halftime when Brown told the Longhorns they would score on their first drive of the third quarter and go on to win. He even predicted a final score of 42-35.

"Unbelievable," Brown said. "The game I apologized for underestimating them."

Benson's fourth TD gave Texas its first lead at 42-35 early in the fourth quarter. His last, a 6-yard bulrush in which he pushed four defenders across the goal line, put the exclamation point on the incredible comeback that kept the Longhorns' BCS hopes alive.

"That shows the character of this team as far as how tough we are," said senior linebacker Derrick Johnson.

"We never gave up."

A little perspective on just how big of a rally it was: In 111 years of playing football, the biggest deficit the Longhorns (8-1, 5-1 Big

12) had ever overcome to win was 19 points three seasons ago in a Holiday Bowl victory over Washington.

For Oklahoma State (6-3, 3-3), it should go down as one of the most stunning losses in a long, long time, if not ever.

If the Cowboys had managed to shake off the hangover of their three-point loss to No. 10 Oklahoma a week earlier, coach Les Miles isn't likely to shake the hurt from this on any anytime soon.

"I've never been through one like that," Miles said. "There will be some pain. There's no way to have a game like this where you don't ache."

Trailing by four touchdowns in the first half, the Longhorns scored TDs on five straight possessions to take the lead and control of the game.

Quarterback Vince Young had a career night with 278 yards on 18-for-21 passing. He started the rally by running the Longhorns' hurry-up offense to perfection late in the second quarter.

Young's 5-yard TD pass to Bo Scarff with 3 seconds left in the half trimmed the lead to 35-14 and made the rally possible.

Scarff stretched for the pylon to get the ball into the end zone. The touchdown sent the Longhorns into the locker room thinking anything was possible.

"There was a lot of energy in the locker room," Benson said. "Most teams would have laid down and given up. We fought back to see what the final score was."

Shroud: Beavers fade vs. Trojans in second half

SHROUD, FROM BACK PAGE

and all but took over in the second half to snap a three-game Oregon State winning streak. Leinart completed 17 of 31 passes for 205 yards. He was intercepted once.

Cedric Anderson was 22-for-51 for 334 yards and two touchdowns for the Beavers, who could never get a running game started and finished with only 34 yards rushing.

It started well for Oregon State. Alexis Serna's first-quarter field goals from 25 and 33 yards were despite the obvious visual trouble caused by the fog — and the chilly 43-degree temperature at game time.

Joe Newton fumbled a long pass when he was forced down by Trojans safety Darnell Bing, but the ball was scooped up by Hass, who got it down to the Southern Cal 8.

A play later, Marcel Love caught Anderson's 8-yard scoring pass to make it 13-0 for Oregon State.

Leinart narrowed it to 13-7 before halftime with a perfectly placed 18-yard scoring pass to Byrd, who was well-covered by cornerback Brandon Browner.

When Byrd ran a 25-yard scoring pass from Leinart into the end zone early in the third quarter, he

raised the ball to Southern Cal's fan section.

Bush, the sophomore sensation who came into game ranked sixth in the nation in all-purpose yards, was virtually untended on his punt return that made it 21-13.

He finished with 11 carries for 88 yards and two catches for 6 yards.

"The kid is unbelievable," Anderson said. "I've never seen anything like it, in the NFL, or what."

After White's touchdown made it 28-13, Oregon State's Josh Hawkins caught a 36-yard scoring pass from Anderson for the final margin.

The Trojans seem to be getting used to playing in un-Southern California weather. Last week they were pelted by hail before they beat Washington State 42-12 in Pullman, Wash.

This week it was fog so thick at times it was hard to see the ball on pass plays.

"It seems like Mother Nature is throwing everything at us," Leinart said.

The Trojans were the latest in a string of ranked teams that Oregon State has faced this season. The Beavers opened on the road against then-No. 3 LSU, the defending co-national champion. They've also faced Boise State, Arizona State and California.

Cave blank Terps, stay tied atop ACC

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Virginia is feeling good about itself and its chances in the Atlantic Coast Conference again, and just in time.

A dominating 16-0 victory against Maryland on Saturday allowed the 12 Cavaliers to put the sting of a washout loss at Florida State behind them, and prepare for another chance to prove themselves, this time in a week at home against Miami with both teams' ACC championship hopes on the line.

"I think we should be back to where we were" before losing 36-3 at Florida State, guard Elton Brown said of Virginia's confidence after running for 295 yards and limiting the Terrapins to 214 total yards.

"We put up over 200 yards against a pretty run defense and our defense shut them out. We should be pretty close," the senior captain said.

Walt Lundy ran for his 13th and 14th touchdowns and Virginia (7-1, 4-1) remained in a first-place tie by winning for the 11th time in 13 games in the season. The growth came in a losing since Al Groh took over as the Cavaliers coach four years ago and Ralph Friedgen took over at home. The Terrapins won the last four, each winning at home.

Friedgen's team was coming off a stunning 20-7 victory against then-No. 5 Florida State last week, a win that restarted talk of bowl games and finishing strong. "When you just didn't show up against the Cavaliers," he said.

"We were flat. We just didn't have anything in the tank," Friedgen said. "It was like the walk of the zombies. No one was home. We were talking to them, trying to motivate them. Nothing was registering."

That wasn't the case for the home team, which treated a crowd of 63,072, the largest in Scott Stadium history, to a determined ground game using rotating tailbacks to wear out the Terrapins (4-5, 2-4 ACC).

Alvin Pearson led the way with 170 yards on 31 carries, and Lundy added 107 on 24 carries, including scoring runs of 4 and 15 yards.

"We knew something had to give," Lundy said, noting that Virginia came into the game with the league's top running game and Maryland had the stingiest run defense. "And we knew it wasn't going to be us."

Virginia's defense also did its job, not allowing quarterback Josh Statham to follow up his 333-yard performance in the victory against Florida State, or Josh Allen to kill them again from his tailback spot.

No. 20 Iowa 23, Purdue 21: Drew Tate threw two touchdown passes and Iowa 7-2, 5-1 Big Ten forced five turnovers and blocked two field goals to run its home winning streak to 17, the fourth-longest string in the nation.

Brandon Kirsch, starting in place of the injured Kyle Orton, threw three touchdown passes for

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Purdue. But his misuses in the fourth quarter, one fumble and two interceptions, scuttled Purdue's attempt to rally from a 17-point deficit.

Kirsch was 25-for-42 for 280 yards, including a 10-yard TD pass to Taylor Stubblefield in the final minutes. Stubblefield finished with 15 catches for 153 yards. But the Hawkeyes recovered the ensuing onside kick to hand Purdue its fourth straight loss, its first of that length since 1993.

Cincinnati 52, No. 21 Southern Miss 24: Gino Guiduli threw three of his Cincinnati-record five touchdown passes to Hannibal Thomas.

Guiduli was 19-for-26 for 308 yards for visiting Cincinnati (5-4, 4-2 Conference USA), which snapped the Golden Eagles' 13-game league winning streak and beat a ranked team for the first time in four years.

It was the first Conference USA defeat for Southern Miss (5-2, 4-1) since a 31-10 loss at Tulane in November 2002. The Golden Eagles were one win from tying their record of 14 straight conference victories, set in 2000, and fell behind 14th-ranked Louisville in the league standings.

No. 23 Arizona St. 34, Stanford 31: Andrew Walter threw four yards to Matt Miller — his fourth touchdown pass of the night — with seven seconds to play to beat host Arizona State (7-2, 4-2 Pac-10) a victory over Stanford (2-4, 4-5).

Cardinal backup quarterback T.C. Ostrander had given his team a 31-26 lead with a 67-yard touchdown pass to Alex Smith with 2:02 remaining.

But Walter, who was 28-for-43 for 415 yards and broke John Elway's Pac-10 record for career touchdowns in a 49-8 rout for 79 yards on a 13-play, 80-yard drive for the winning score.

No. 24 Boston College 21, Rutgers 10: Paul Peterson scored on a 1-yard run and threw for a touchdown to lead the host Eagles.

Peterson was 22-of-38 for 296 yards for BC (6-2, 2-1 Big East), but also fumbled once and threw two interceptions.

Ryan Hart completed 29 of 43 passes for 302 yards in his fifth game of the year over 300 yards. But he also had three interceptions as Rutgers (4-5, 1-4) lost the third consecutive week.



Utah quarterback Alex Smith (11) prepares to pass to wide receiver Paris Warren for a touchdown against Colorado State.

Smith keeps Utah rolling toward BCS

By DOUG ALDEN
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Seventh-ranked Utah has its first 9-0 start and has scored more points than any other team in school history.

And there's more to go.

Alex Smith threw for 291 yards and four touchdowns to lead Utah past Colorado State 63-31 on Saturday night, continuing his Heisman Trophy campaign and his team's hopes for a Bowl Championship Series bid.

"I keep expecting to hit a road-block sometime, but this team keeps proving me wrong," said Smith, who completed 21 of 26 passes. "Offensively, I don't know who can stop us."

So far, nobody has — and recently no one has even come close.

Morgan Scalley returned a fumble 88 yards for a score and Marty Johnson and Paris Warren both scored three touchdowns to help the Utes (9-0, 5-0 Mountain West) break the school record for points in a season with 412. That tops the 405 points scored in 1985 and Utah still has two regular-season games to go.

"We not only play for this team, but we play for teams in the past," Scalley said. Being "9-0 is great, but it doesn't mean a lot unless we keep rolling."

The Utes, who have had two other 8-0 starts, scored more than 50 points for the third straight

week and moved a step closer to a perfect season and a possible BCS bid — the first for a school outside the six BCS conferences.

An Orange Bowl representative attended the game, and the Utes once again put on a scoring display, although hoping for a spot in the national title game might be aiming a little high. Utah was sixth in the BCS standings entering the weekend and had little trouble beating the Rams (3-6, 2-3) for the second straight season.

The Utes had four scoring drives of 80 yards or more and forced five turnovers.

"Utah is the best in the Mountain West. There's no question about that," said Rams coach Sonny Lubick, who had Meyer as an assistant at Colorado State in the early '90s. "Offensively, this team is consistent. They're explosive. They've got a nice scheme."

Colorado State's Caleb Hanie was 11-for-25 for 190 yards and two touchdowns, but also threw three interceptions. Hanie also ran for a touchdown during Colorado State's 21-point fourth quarter against the Utah reserves.

The Utes scored three touchdowns in each of the first two quarters and rested Smith, who is hoping to be Utah's first Heisman Trophy finalist, for most of the second half. He came back in midway through the fourth quarter after Colorado State's three touchdowns, and threw his fourth TD pass of the game, but the outcome was never in question.

Chang sets two passing records

By JAYMES SONG
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Timmy Chang became the most prolific passer in college history Saturday night, throwing for 285 yards and four touchdowns in Hawaii's 34-23 victory over Louisiana Tech.

Chang needed just 14 yards to break Ty Detmer's NCAA career mark of 15,031 yards set from 1988-91, and overtook the Heisman Trophy winner from BYU with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Jason Rivers on Hawaii's second series.

"It's very special. I'm not going to lie," Chang said. "Right now, I'm not really looking at the stat, but I'm going to look back on it and be very pleased."

The crowd erupted and gave Chang the standing ovation as the referees handed him the game ball. Chang — who finished the game with 15,303 yards — ran across the field and gave the ball and a hug to his father, Levi, on the sideline.

"I just told him I loved him and I wanted to thank him," Chang said. "Your family is probably the most underrated people around and my family played a big role in my life."

Chang poured onto the field as flashbulbs sparked in Aloha Stadium.

"He's a special guy," Bulldogs coach Jack Becknell said. "He's had the big plays and he's a great kid."

On the first play of the second quarter, the fifth-year senior from Honolulu also broke the NCAA career completions mark of 1,231 held by Texas Tech's Cliff Kungury.

Chang finished 26-for-42, and Rivers caught eight passes for 137 yards for Hawaii (4-4, 4-3 Western Athletic Conference).

Rivers said he was going to spike the ball because it was his first TD catch of the season, but he quickly realized he had a historic ball in his hands.

"It was an exciting moment," said Rivers, who played at the same high school as Chang.

The Bulldogs also had a record-breaking performance from running back Ryan Moats, who finished the night with 228 yards on 38 carries. The junior broke Louisiana Tech's single-season rushing record of 1,351 set by Jason Davis in 1991.

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Fifth-ranked Badgers stay perfect

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — The fifth-ranked Wisconsin Badgers didn't have to rely on their stingy defense for a change.

Anthony Davis ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns, and quarterback John Stocco threw for a career-high 297 yards and a touchdown, in the unbeaten Badgers' 38-14 rout of archrival Minnesota on Saturday.

Stocco's two touchdowns as the Badgers, 9-0 for the third time in school history, moved into a first-place tie with idle Michigan atop the Big Ten at 6-0.

They celebrated by rushing to the Golden Gophers' sideline to retrieve Paul Bunyan's Axe, the trophy that goes to the winner in Division I's most-played rivalry.

Wisconsin, which was averaging 21 points a game, had that by the end of the first quarter

and scored on its first five possessions to take a 31-0 lead.

Davis scored on two 1-yard runs and set up Stocco's 1-yard keeper with a 21-yard scamper before he was shoved out of bounds just shy of the pylon by safety John Pawelski. Stocco also threw a 17-yard scoring strike to Jonathan Orr, and Mike Allen kicked a 41-yard field goal.

The Gophers (6-4, 3-4), who lost for the fourth time in five games, finally got going when Bryan Cupito led an 80-yard drive that he capped with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Ernie Whitworth that made it 31-7.

By halftime, Stocco, a sophomore and first-year starter, had completed 14 of 18 passes for 241 yards, 30 more than his career high of 211 at Purdue last month. He finished 19-for-26.

"I've never seen him play like that before,"

Davis said. "That was amazing. That just shows you what he's capable of doing."

Wisconsin outgained Minnesota 205 yards to 31 in the first quarter, never giving the Gophers the chance to spring their 1-2 running punch of Marion Barber III and Laurence Maroney. Maroney finished with 57 yards on eight carries and Barber had 34 yards on seven runs.

The Gophers entered the game as the Big Ten's top scoring offense (33.3) and owner of the league's best rushing offense, averaging 266 yards.

The Badgers countered with the nation's toughest scoring defense (8.5) and the second-best total defense nationally, yielding fewer than 240 yards a game.

Defensive end Erasmus James returned from a high ankle sprain and played on passing downs only. His presence was felt immediately when he deflected Cupito's pass on his first snap and forced a hurry on his third.

Oklahoma emerges with win over A&M

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — This one was much tougher, but far sweeter, for Oklahoma.

Jason White threw five touchdown passes, including the decisive one with 6:43 left, and the second-ranked Sooners overcame Texas A&M's explosive offense and special teams trickery for a 42-35 victory Saturday.

Oklahoma handed Texas A&M a loss for the ages last season — 77-0, the worst in the 108-year history of Aggies football. But the rematch was a battle from start to finish for the Sooners (9-0, 6-0 Big 12).

White, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, was 19-for-35 for 292 yards, taking control of the offense as the 22nd-ranked Aggies swarmed to start freshman running back Adrian Peterson.

Peterson still managed to run for 101 yards and a touchdown on a tough 29 carries, his ninth straight 100-yard game. He went to the locker room on Oklahoma's go-ahead drive with an apparent arm injury, but returned to help the Sooners run the clock down on their last possession.

"To overcome that I think we did today I think is a positive thing."

People can criticize, which will happen, we're one of those teams that gets it when we win," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "All that we overcame, down here in this atmosphere and still came away with the victory, makes me proud of our players and our coaches who hung in there and made the plays in the end that won the football game."

The Aggies (6-3, 4-2) finished the game without their best offensive weapon. Reggie McNeal left with an apparent injury in the third quarter after throwing for 213 yards and two touchdowns and running for a score.

With the Aggies trailing 35-28, McNeal was relieved by Ty Bravay. The former walk-on led Texas A&M on a long drive with five completions, but the march stalled at the Sooners' 6.

Already having used a faded punt to set up a touchdown, Aggies coach Dennis Franchione pulled another fast one on the Sooners. A&M set up for a field goal, but holder Chad Schroeder took the snap, rolled left and flipped a TD pass to Joey Thomas to tie the game.

White, Peterson and the Sooners went right to work getting the lead back. Peterson converted a TD with a strike, rolled left and hit 8-yard run and the Sooners were aided by a pass interference call.

On third-and-10 at the Aggies 39, White stepped up and away from pressure to deliver a strike down the middle to Mark Bradley, who slipped at a tackle at the 15 and went in for a 42-35 lead.

Vols QB Ainge hurt in 17-13 loss to Irish

BY ELIZABETH A. DAVIS

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee lost the second member of its heralded freshman quarterback duo, and Notre Dame capitalized with an interception return for a touchdown, then held on to win 17-13 Saturday over the No. 9 Volunteers.

Erk Ainge separated his right shoulder on the final play of the first half when he recovered his own fumble and was sacked. He did not return. His injury came a week after Brent Schaeffer broke his collarbone.

Junior Rick Clausen, the younger brother of former Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen, replaced Ainge in the second half and almost immediately made a big mistake.

Clausen was being sacked by Derek Landt when he let the ball go. Notre Dame's Mike Goolsby caught it and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown and a 14-10 lead. The Fighting Irish (6-3) never trailed again.

The Vols (7-2) now have a week off to regroup and prepare for Southeastern Conference also-ran Vanderbilt on Kentucky, teams it needs to beat to win the SEC East division.

Notre Dame padded its lead in the fourth quarter with D.J. Fitzpatrick's 39-yard field goal. Then all the Irish had to do was stop Tennessee's hapless offense. The Vols punted on their next possession, but got the ball back for a final chance with 2:12 remaining.

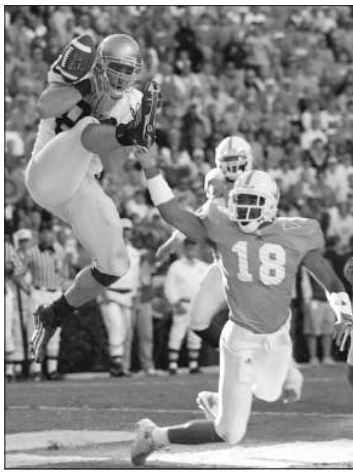
Tennessee had a bad snap that Clausen had to recover 15 yards behind the line of scrimmage. The Vols' last gasp came on fourth-and-18 when Clausen's pass was incomplete, and the Notre Dame bench erupted in celebration.

Brady Quinn was 12-for-23 for 118 yards and a touchdown for Notre Dame, which only had 216 yards of total offense.

Notre Dame took its first lead, 7-3, in the first quarter on Quinn's 8-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Fasano, ending a drive that featured Darius Walker's 32-yard run.

Tennessee got back in it in the second quarter when Ainge dumped off the ball to Cedric Houston as he was being pressured. Houston dodged tacklers and beat Notre Dame's Dwight Ellick to the end zone for a 56-yard touchdown.

Clausen finished 10-for-18 for 120 yards, but the Vols were held to 58 yards rushing.



Notre Dame tight end Anthony Fasano (88) bobbles the ball but makes the catch for a touchdown in the first quarter Saturday against Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. Defending on the play is Jason Allen (18).

No. 4 Cal saved when Oregon's Allen drops pass

BY GREG BEACHAM

The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — California's fate was in Keith Allen's hands, and the Oregon receiver dropped the ball.

Geoff McArthur caught eight passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns, and fourth-ranked Cal's defense stopped Oregon near midfield with 1:39 left when Allen couldn't hold the final pass in the Golden Bears' 28-27 victory Saturday that solidified their Bowl Championship Series hopes.

Aaron Rodgers passed for 275 yards and three TDs, and J.J. Arrington ran for 188 yards and a

score for the Bears (7-1, 5-1 Pac-10), who barely kept alive their big postseason dreams with a strong second half after falling behind 27-14.

Kellen Clemens threw four touchdown passes in the first quarter for the Ducks (5-4, 4-2), who seemed headed for an upset.

But two key mistakes made the difference: Diego Siegel missed an extra point in the first quarter, and Oregon's first drive ended when Allen dropped an easy fourth-down pass that would have put the Ducks well within field goal range.

Cal snapped a seven-game losing

streak against Oregon with coach Jeff Tedford's first victory over the school where he served as Mike Bellotti's offensive coordinator for four years.

The Bears faced adversity for the first time in a month, and it brought out a gritty second-half performance. Facing a 27-21 halftime deficit, Cal made four sustained drives — but thanks to Tom Schneider's two missed field goals and a fumble by freshman Robert Jordan, the Bears got just seven points.

"Winning the close games is everything," said McArthur, who became Cal's career leader in receptions. "That one could have gone

either way, depending on the fourth quarter. We got a good break at the end, but if he'd caught that ball, who knows?"

Cal went ahead on McArthur's 19-yard TD catch with 13:25 to play. After Schneider missed a 40-yard field goal with 4:20 left, Clemens drove Oregon 36 yards to the Cal 41 — but he threw four straight incompletions, with the final pass bouncing off Allen's hunched defender near the 20.

Allen stayed flat on his face for several moments while the Bears celebrated.

Tight end Tim Day caught two of Clemens' four TD passes, and Terrence Whitehead ran for 91 yards.

Steelers' top hammer on Eagles

Roethlisberger leads Pittsburgh past NFL's last undefeated team

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Two unbeaten teams faced in two weeks, two unbeaten teams defeated. The Pittsburgh Steelers are accomplished teams never before seen in the NFL, largely because of rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

The Steelers combined their new quarterback with a touch of the old — a Jerome Bettis of yesterday and a defense that was Steel Curtain-tough — to dominate the Philadelphia Eagles 27-3 Sunday and leave the NFL without an undefeated team.

The Steelers (7-1) partly are the reason for that, halting the best start in Eagles' history a week after ending New England's record 21-game winning streak with an equally impressive 34-20 victory. Pittsburgh is the only team in NFL history to beat unbeaten teams in consecutive weeks after each had won at least six games.

How fitting is that, considering Roethlisberger is 6-0 as a starter — the first rookie since the 1970 merger to do that — since Pittsburgh's Mike Kruczek in 1976. But Kruczek didn't throw a TD pass this season, and he was the one behind the Steel Curtain; Roethlisberger has thrown 10 touchdowns while playing with the growing confidence and polish of a more experienced player.

Roethlisberger again outplayed a more accomplished quarterback, as he did the Patriots' Tom Brady, by driving the Steelers to scores on their first three possessions with the help of Bettis' 55th career 100-yard game. The 1978 Steelers were the only other team in franchise history to start 7-1, en route to a 14-2 record and a Super Bowl title.

Hines Ward scored on each of the first two drives, a 16-yard reverse and a 20-yard reception, then playfully mock the Eagles (3-6) by hugging his arms in the end zone each time.

No wonder Eagles star receiver Terrell Owens was screaming in disgust of strutting a week after celebrating a touchdown by imitating Ravens star Ray Lewis' pregame dance. Owens, coming off two consecutive 100-yard games, didn't catch his first pass until Pittsburgh led 21-0 and could be seen yelling at quarterback Donovan McNabb on the sidelines. Owens ended with seven catches for 53 yards.

The Steelers didn't miss in just one game, but Duce Staley (hamstring), the former 1,000-yard Eagles rusher, as a re-energized Bettis ran for 149 yards.

Bengals 26, Cowboys 3: Tight end Matt Schobel caught a down-the-middle pass from Carson Palmer and ran 76 yards for a touchdown, leading Cincinnati over visiting Dallas.

Schobel, who had only 11 catches in the first seven games, broke open a game of conservative play by catching a 76-yard touchdown field goal by Shayne Graham and the one big play by Schobel into a soothing win.

NFL roundup

It was another (un)settling setback for the Cowboys (3-5), who have lost four of their last five and fumbled away more of their hopes of a second straight playoff appearance.

Vince Testaverde, who turns 41 next Saturday, had his worst game with the Cowboys. Throwing to an injury-depleted receiving corps, Testaverde was 18-for-30 for 207 yards with three interceptions and a fumble.

Palmer spent the afternoon throwing short passes to tight ends and running backs, finishing 21-for-32 for 212 yards along with a 2-yard touchdown bootleg in the closing minutes. Rudi Johnson carried a season-high 26 times for 95 yards.

Raiders 27, Panthers 24: Tyronne Wheatley and Amos Zereoue combined to run for three touchdowns, and Sebastian Janikowski kicked a 19-yard field goal in six seconds to play as Oakland (3-6) handed the Panthers (1-7) their sixth consecutive loss.

Kerry Collins, Carolina's first-ever draft pick, passed for 231 yards for the Raiders and threw his 12th interception of the season.

After Carolina tied the game at 24-22 on play, Collins threw completions of 19 and 12 yards to move the Raiders into Pittsburgh's territory to set up the winning field goal.

Bills 22, Jets 17: Playing in the face of a 25-plus mph wind at Ralph Wilson Stadium, Willis McGahee sparked Buffalo's ball-control offense in helping the Bills beat the New York Jets.

McGahee finished with a career-high 132 yards and a touchdown, his third 100-yard rushing game in his third career start. Drew Bledsoe was efficient, finishing 18-for-30 for 184 yards, including a 4-yard touchdown to rookie Lee Evans.

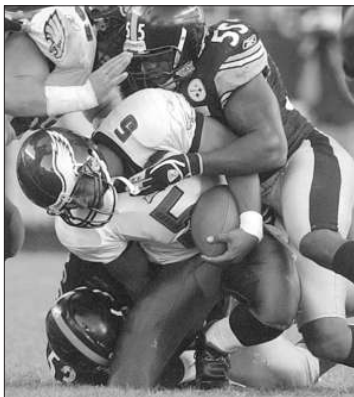
Buffalo (3-5) won its third game in four outings, and their straight at home — all with McGahee as a starter. And the weather has played a factor in all three victories, with winds of 25 mph or stronger blowing in off Lake Erie.

The Jets (6-2) were attempting to match its best start in franchise history.

Jets quarterback Chad Pennington bruised his right shoulder and did not return after he was caught for a 13-yard loss midway through the fourth quarter.

Buccaneers 34, Chiefs 31: Michael Pittman scored one of his three touchdowns on a 78-yard punt return. Tampa Bay (3-5) won consecutive games for just the second time since it won the Super Bowl two years ago.

The Chiefs (3-5) topped 101 points and 1,130 yards in victories over Atlanta and Indianapolis the previous two weeks, and



Pittsburgh Steelers' Joey Porter (55) and Clark Haggans (53) haul down Philadelphia Eagles QB Donovan McNabb (5) for a fourth-quarter sack Sunday in Pittsburgh. The Steelers (7-1) had four sacks and knocked off the last undefeated team in the NFL, 27-3.

put up another big day statistically against Tampa Bay.

Trent Green threw for 369 yards and three touchdowns, but was intercepted by Dwight Smith in the end zone with under six minutes to go. He was sacked on consecutive plays to end Kansas City's last threat near midfield.

Priest Holmes scored his 14th rushing TD of the season on a 2-yard run, but was on the sideline when Buc defense put the clamps on Kansas City's last two drives.

Cardinals 24, Dolphins 23: To end a 17-game road losing streak, Arizona merely needed to pay a visit to Miami.

The Cardinals met their match in ineptitude, benefited from two critical penalties and drove 70 yards in the final 2 minutes for a touchdown to beat the Dolphins.

Larry Fitzgerald caught the winning score on a 2-yard pass from Josh McDown with 19 seconds left after a holding penalty against Miami negated a sack and gave the Cardinals first and goal.

The road win was the first since Oct. 6, 2002 for Arizona (3-5).

The Dolphins (1-8), who have the league's worst record, are one defeat from their first losing season since 1988.

Redskins 17, Lions 10: Clinton Portis beat run for 147 yards on 34 carries and threw a tie-breaking touchdown pass to lead Washington in Detroit.

The Lions (4-4) rallied late, but their hopes for a tying drive ended at the Washington 20 as time expired.

With a back-to-back 21-yard gains to open the second half, Portis became the first player to run for 100 yards against Detroit this season. Those powerful runs with sharp cutbacks set up his 15-yard pass to Laveranues Coles that gave Washington a 10-3 lead.

NFL scoreboard

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	1	0	.857	168	124
N.Y. Jets	6	2	0	.750	185	138
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375	137	137
Miami	1	6	0	.111	123	186
South						
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	128	146
Houston	4	3	0	.571	158	143
Indianapolis	4	3	0	.571	118	178
Tennessee	3	5	0	.375	151	178
North						
Pittsburgh	7	1	0	.875	197	137
Baltimore	3	4	0	.429	127	160
Cleveland	3	4	0	.429	147	147
Cincinnati	5	5	0	.500	152	169
West						
Denver	5	3	0	.625	168	141
San Diego	4	3	0	.556	219	156
Kansas City	3	5	0	.375	137	211
Oakland	2	6	0	.250	143	207

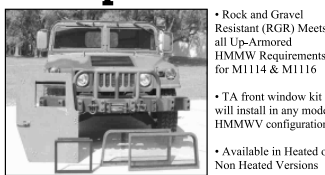
National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	5	2	0	.714	169	131
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	151	113
Dallas	3	5	0	.375	143	180
Washington	3	5	0	.375	115	133
South						
Atlanta	5	2	0	.750	170	170
New Orleans	3	5	0	.429	154	191
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	143	155
Carolina	1	7	0	.125	124	185
North						
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	183	162
Green Bay	4	3	0	.556	206	186
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	147	171
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	161	212
West						
St. Louis	4	3	0	.571	158	165
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	152	182
Arizona	3	4	0	.429	150	169
San Francisco	1	6	0	.143	118	182

Sunday's games

Washington 17, Detroit 10	Arizona 24, Miami 10
Buffalo 22, N.Y. Jets 17	Cincinnati 26, Dallas 3
Oakland 27, Carolina 24	Pittsburgh 27, Philadelphia 3
Tampa Bay 24, Kansas City 31	Chicago at N.Y. Giants
Seattle at San Francisco	New Orleans at San Diego
New England at St. Louis	Houston at Baltimore
Open: Green Bay, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Tennessee	
Monday's game	
Minnesota at Indianapolis	
Sunday, Nov. 14	
Chicago at Tennessee	
Baltimore at Indianapolis	
Houston at N.Y. Jets	
Seattle at St. Louis	
Tampa Bay at Atlanta	
Detroit at Jacksonville	
Kansas City at New Orleans	
Pittsburgh at Cleveland	
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Expansion teams claim first victory

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace slid face-first off the court after a hard foul, popped back up and looked at the scoreboard. He wasn't seeing things — Charlotte Bobcats really are on their way to their first win in franchise history.

The expansion Bobcats wrestled for rebounds and outlasted the Orlando Magic en route to a 111-100 victory on Saturday night.

Primo Breezy, quickly emerging as Charlotte's star player, had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Bobcats. Wallace added 18 points and 10 rebounds. Steve Smith had 14 points, and Jason Hart had 14 points and 11 assists.

Cuttino Mobley led the Magic with 22 points. The Orlando Magic, in his first back-to-back games since Dec. 15-16, 2002, scored 16 for the Magic. Head Turkoglu also had 16.

Netics 107, Knicks 73: Paul Pierce scored 28 points. Ricky Davis added 20, and Boston shot 56 percent to win for the first time this season after opening with two losses in a row.

The Celtics began pulling away late in the first quarter, then closed the first half with a 13-0 run. Boston went ahead by as many as 32 before the third quarter ended, and the only suspense in the fourth quarter revolved around how many of the booing Boston fans would be sticking around until the end.

Heat 118, Wizards 106: Dwyane Wade had career highs with 37 points and 12 assists to again overshadow Shaquille O'Neal, and visiting Miami improved to 3-0 for the second time in franchise history.

Wade made 11 of 16 field goals, 16 of 19 free throws and outshone the Wizards trio of Gilbert Arenas, Antawn Jamison and Larry Hughes, who combined for 77 points and rallied host Washington from a 10-point third-quarter deficit to tie the game late.

Pistons 99, 76ers 91: Chauncey Billups had 20 points and 10 assists, and Richard Hamilton added 17 points, leading Detroit over visiting Philadelphia.

Rashed Wallace scored 16 points, and Ben Wallace had 11 points and 16 rebounds for the Pistons, who were without coach Larry Brown for a second time after being fired and replaced after having hip surgery on Wednesday.

Timberwolves 99, Hornets 92: Latrell Sprewell ended a quiet night with a flurry, scoring seven points and a two-minute span down the stretch to spark Minnesota at home.

Sprewell, whose contract came up for review, was the star of this first week of the Timberwolves' season, finished with 14 points and five rebounds.

Kevin Garnett had eight of his 22 points in a 70-second span with less than two minutes remaining. He also grabbed 15 rebounds.

Roundup

Pacers 100, Bulls 90: With five players sitting out and both All Stars on the bench with foot trouble, a group of role players helped Indiana pull away for a victory over visiting Chicago.

Suns 112, Nets 80: Steve Nash had 17 points and eight assists, and visiting Phoenix rode 57.4-percent shooting to its third straight victory.

Bucks 102, Cavaliers 88: Michael Redd scored 28 points and Keith Van Horn had 22 points and 14 rebounds for the Bucks in their home opener.

LeBron James scored 31 points for Cleveland, winless in three games this season. Jeff McInnis added 16 points and Drew Gooden had 16 for the Cavs.

Mavericks 112, Grizzlies 88: Dirk Nowitzki hit a nifty basket that turned into a three-point play in Dallas' game-turning surge and finished with 22 points.

There might be a lot of new pieces, but Nowitzki and Michael Finley remain the centerpiece for the Mavericks, who improved to 3-0 after overcoming an early 12-point deficit at home. Finley added 23 points, and Nowitzki also had 15 rebounds.

Jazz 106, Nuggets 82: Carlos Boozer had 20 points and 17 rebounds, and Andrei Kirilenko added 16 points to help visiting Utah stay unbeaten.

After opening the season with easy wins over the Los Angeles Lakers and Golden State, Utah put the Nuggets away early with good shooting and even better defense to open with three straight wins for the first time since going 5-0 in 2000-01.

Rockets 104, Kings 101 (OT): Charlie Ward made two three-pointers in overtime, so Ming scored 33 points for the Rockets, who rallied late in their home opener.

Tracy McGrady added 23 points in his Houston debut.

Clippers 94, Warriors 86: Corey Maggette had 26 points and six assists, and Bobby Simmons added 22 points to lead Los Angeles past Golden State for its 11th victory in 14 meetings between the teams in Oakland.

Sunday

Raptors 101, Trail Blazers 97: At Toronto, Vince Carter had 25 points, including a go-ahead shot in overtime, as the Raptors defeated Portland.

Carter scored nine points in the final 4-28, including the fadeaway three-pointer that gave Toronto the lead for good.

Zach Randolph had 33 points and 15 rebounds for the Trail Blazers. Randolph started the game despite missing the team flight to Toronto on Saturday. He was fined and had to pay his own way. He said he overslept after his alarm clock didn't go off.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division		W	L	OT
Toronto	3	1	0	0
LA Clippers	2	1	0	0
New Jersey	1	2	3	3
Philadelphia	1	2	3	3
New York	0	3	0	0

Southeast Division		W	L	OT
Miami	2	1	0	0
Washington	2	1	0	0
Charlotte	1	2	0	0
New Orleans	0	3	0	0
Orlando	0	3	0	0

Central Division		W	L	OT
Indiana	2	1	0	0
Detroit	2	1	0	0
San Antonio	1	2	0	0
Chicago	0	3	0	0
Cleveland	0	3	0	0

Western Conference		W	L	OT
Dallas	2	1	0	0
San Antonio	2	1	0	0
New Orleans	1	2	0	0
Miami	0	3	0	0
Memphis	0	3	0	0

Northwest Division		W	L	OT
Utah	2	1	0	0
Minnesota	2	1	0	0
Portland	1	2	0	0
Seattle	0	3	0	0
Denver	0	3	0	0

Pacific Division		W	L	OT
LA Clippers	2	1	0	0
LA Lakers	2	1	0	0
Golden State	1	2	0	0
Sacramento	0	3	0	0

Saturday's games		W	L	OT
Miami 118, Washington 106	3	1	0	0
Boston 107, New York 73	2	1	0	0
LA Lakers 104, Philadelphia 92	2	1	0	0
LA Clippers 94, Warriors 86	2	1	0	0
LA Lakers 104, Philadelphia 92	2	1	0	0

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Toronto 101, Portland 97	3	1	0	0
San Antonio at Seattle	2	1	0	0
Atlanta at LA Lakers	2	1	0	0
Golden State at Dallas	2	1	0	0
LA Lakers at LA Clippers	2	1	0	0

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SPORTS



NBA expansion team makes
Magic its first victim, Page 31



Oregon State quarterback Derek Anderson, bottom, holds his head after he was knocked to the ground by Southern California's Frostee Rucker during the fourth quarter Saturday at Reser Stadium in Corvallis, Ore. Southern California defeated Oregon State 28-20.

Shroud of invincibility

Fog, Oregon St. can't stop No. 1 Southern California

BY ANNE M. PETERSON
The Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Even the fog couldn't obscure Reggie Bush's wilt punt return.

Bush was virtually untouched on the 65-yard scoring return in top-ranked Southern California's 28-20 foggy victory over Oregon State on Saturday night.

"That guy is incredible," Oregon State wide receiver Mike Hass said. "You've got to give him credit on that, he kind of made it happen all by himself."

"That's why he's a Heisman Trophy candidate and he showed that tonight."

Matt Leinart threw two touchdown passes to Dominique Byrd,

and LenDale White ran 5 yards for another score for the defending national champion Trojans (9-0, 6-0 Pac-10).

With just a narrow 14-13 lead, Bush's punt return came early in the fourth quarter.

"We've been in this position before," Bush said. "There was no doubt in our minds we were going to come back in the second half."

Southern California has won 18 consecutive games overall, 13 in a row in the Pac-10 and 10 straight on the road.

As fog rolled into Reser Stadium, the Beavers (4-5, 3-3) jumped out to a surprising 13-0 lead. But the mighty Trojans adjusted to the adverse conditions

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Big Ben, Steelers strike again



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) outruns Philadelphia Eagles cornerback Dexter Wynn (31) for a first down during the first quarter in Pittsburgh on Sunday. The Steelers defeated the Eagles, who entered the game as the NFL's last undefeated team, 27-3. NFL roundup, Page 30.



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QB Ricard, Tulane keep Navy from improving to 8-1

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